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HOSTS SOUGHT FOR STUDENT TOURS

The Sarasota Manatee Area Manufacturers Association wants to increase public awareness of potential careers in manufacturing for area graduates.

We intend to create a series of tours for high school students to various manufacturing facilities throughout the school year beginning in September 2005.

Each tour will host a single class from one school. Ideally, these classes and their teachers will have already demonstrated an interest in engineering or related technical fields of study.

There will be a relevant specific curriculum piece attached to each tour. Providing this critical measurable piece will ensure that each tour is a valuable learning experience. At the same time the students will gain awareness of careers in industry.

We are partnering with Dr. Eric Roe of FL-ATE for this project. SAMA will enlist local manufacturers to host the students and orchestrate the tours. FL-ATE will design and deliver the curriculum and serve as education liaison with the teaching staff. SAMA is pursuing a grant from the Florida High Tech Corridor Council to offset the expenses of bus transportation and the substitute teachers required to provide classroom coverage. With the grant in hand, we will begin to schedule tours.

For more about hosting a tour, call P. Straw 376-4272.