

Manufacturing in the News

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MON 12.01.08 Lockheed Martin plant wins recognition

Orlando Business Journal

Lockheed Martin Corp.'s Ocala plant has been named manufacturer of the year in the large manufacturer category by the Manufacturers' Association of Florida for its excellence in leadership and operations. The plant is a component of Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control and provides assembly and production for a variety of weapon systems. Lockheed Martin's Orlando facility was also a finalist in the competition.

Full Article: http://www.bizjournals.com/orlando/stories/2008/12/01/daily5.html?f=et70&ana=e_du

MON 12.01.08 Cardinal Health to make surgical kits in deal with Florida company

Business First of Columbus

Cardinal Health Inc. has struck a manufacturing and supply deal with a Florida medical supply firm that will bring a new product to customers and a new revenue stream for the company. Dublin-based Cardinal (NYSE:CAH) said its five-year agreement with Tampa, Fla.-based SRI/Surgical Express Inc. makes the company the sole manufacturer of SRI Surgical's more than 400 surgical kits. SRI Surgical supplies surgical products to hospitals and surgery centers in 19 states.

Full article: http://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/stories/2008/12/01/daily2.html?ana=from_rss

TUES 12.02.08 Tyseley air conditioning firm opens Florida operations

Birminghampost.net

Buses and coaches across America are set to be kept cool by a West Midlands engineering business. Tyseley-based Grayson Thermal Systems, which designs and manufactures cooling, heating and air conditioning products for vehicles, has launched a new venture in the US.

Full Article: <http://www.birminghampost.net/birmingham-business/birmingham-business-news/manufacturing-and-skills-business/2008/12/02/tyseley-air-conditioning-firm-opens-florida-operation-65233-22386050/>

THURS 12.04.08 Jet maker Embraer breaks ground today

Waye T. Price, Florida Today

Embraer breaks ground on its aircraft-assembly facility this morning at Melbourne International Airport, and officials contend the event has much broader ramifications than just the Brazilian jet maker's plans for the area. Embraer is a significant deal, to be sure, for Melbourne International and Central Florida.

Full Article: <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20081204/BUSINESS/812040311/1006/news01>

FRI 12.05.08 Florida company helps manufacturers in France hold things together

Web in France magazine

When you're sitting in an airplane, a car or a building, do you ever stop and think about what holds it together—or what force it might take to tear it apart? Probably not, or you might never leave home. Thankfully, an entire industry is involved with the testing of structural integrity of this kind, manufacturing equipment like force gauges and pull testers to measure everything from the strength of a bottle cap seal to crucial welding joints on vehicles.

Full Article: <http://www.webinfrance.com/florida-company-helps-manufacturers-in-france-hold-things-together-125.html>

TUES 12.16.08 Lockheed plans \$11 million expansion

Bill Thompson, ocala.com

Florida's leading manufacturer is seeking \$500,000 in state and local grants to launch a significant expansion of its Ocala plant. But how far that goes depends on whether the Marion County Commission can be convinced to approve a six-figure tax break for the company. Lockheed Martin today is petitioning the commission for \$100,000 under the county's Economic Development Financial Incentive Grant program, under which qualified companies, either new or existing firms, can receive a rebate on property taxes in exchange for committing to certain levels of new construction and employment.

Full Article: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20081216/articles/812160977&tc=yahoo>

TUES 12.16.08 Quasar Bio-Tech to move manufacturing to Manatee county

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Quasar Bio-Tech which established its headquarters in Manatee County this summer now plans to also move its manufacturing to Manatee and hire up to 24 employees. Quasar produces light therapy devices used by medical professionals and consumers.

Full Article: http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2008/12/15/daily14.html?f=et83&ana=e_du