

Manufacturing in the News

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- FRI 01.02.09 Jacksonville manufacturers invest for economic recovery**
Mark Szakonyi, Jacksonville Business Journal
For many manufacturers, the demand for their products has decreased as the economy slowed. But that's not stopping many from investing so they're ready when the economic upswing arrives, said Lad Daniels, president of the First Coast Manufacturers Association.
Full Article: http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2009/01/05/story9.html?b=1231131600^1755067&ana=e_vert
- FRI 02.13.09 Chasco Machine taps a robot's productivity**
Jane Leiser, Tampa Bay Business Journal
Roth turned to LaBrecque for advice prior to creating Chasco in 2000. They talk most days about business. Jeff Walz, the North American Eurotech distributor, said Roth has done more with technology and "lights out" production than other similar-sized firms.
Full Article: <http://tampabay.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2009/02/16/smallb1.html?b=1234760400^1777041&page=2>
- FRI 02.13.09 Mattress manufacturing company to open plant in Durant, creating 300 jobs**
5News, Fayetteville Arkansas
A Florida mattress manufacturing company plans to open a plant that will create 300 jobs in Durant. Officials from Spring Air Company will announce the plant's opening at a press conference Friday in the southeastern Oklahoma town of about 15,000 people.
The 351,000-square-foot plant, which had been shuttered, is located in the Durant Industrial Park and should be operational by this summer. It will be Spring Air's largest manufacturing facility in the United States.
Tampa, Fla.-based Spring Air says it selected the Durant site for its access to major Interstate highways that will help it to service its growing customer base in the Midwest.
Full Article: <http://www.kfsm.com/news/sns-ap-ok--mattressproduction-durant.0.4529383.story>
- FRI 02.20.09 Medical manufacturers expect a bounce-back**
Brian Bandell, South Florida Business Journal
With two major employers announcing layoffs, the news hasn't been good lately for medical manufacturing in South Florida, but industry experts expect a strong bounce back. The manufacturing of medical devices, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology treatments has traditionally been a strength.
Full Article: http://southflorida.bizjournals.com/southflorida/stories/2009/02/23/story2.html?b=1235365200^1781367&ana=e_vert
- FRI 02.27.09 New solar plant boosts economic hopes**
Charlotte Sun
The county is hoping the construction of a giant photovoltaic solar power

facility by Florida Power & Light will boost the local economy and switch on a bright new future by forming the core of economic development. On Thursday, FPL played host at the Turner Agri-Civic Center to DeSoto County dignitaries to celebrate the solar plant's construction. The facility is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, and will be known officially as the DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center.

Full Article: <http://www.sunnewspapers.net/articles/pnnews.aspx?NewsID=432684&a=newsarchive2/022709/ch1.htm&pnpq=0>

General Manufacturing in the News

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02.01.09 SUN

Students' career path accelerates

Melanie C. Johnson

The aroma of grease, rubber and metal fills the air inside San Gorgonio High School's automotive repair shop. But students in the career technical education program are inhaling a scent of a different kind -- the sweet smell of success -- after earning certification from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.

Full Article: http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_N_nrepair01.4a72ab1.html