

Manufacturing in the News

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MON 03.02.09 Sun Hydraulics reports growth in earnings

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Sun Hydraulics Corp. reported a slow final quarter but ended 2008 with a 16 percent increase in net earnings. The Sarasota company reported 2008 earnings of \$25.7 million, or \$1.55 per share, up from \$22.1 million, or \$1.35 per share, the previous year.

Full Article: http://tampabay.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2009/03/02/daily17.html?ana=e_du_pub

FRI 03.06.09 Company remains viable despite economic upheaval

Don Manley, News Press

The situation was made worse by the bankruptcy of the East Coast aerial-lift company in 2007, which led to Design Concepts taking over manufacturing the product. In 2008, the now-bankrupt company's distributor for the lift decided to sell any remaining inventory of the product at close-out prices, which severely undercut Design Concepts' sales. Last year, we were struggling with making our own direct sales because they were unloading equipment on the market that they had in their inventory," Monsees said.

Full Article: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20090306/BUSINESS/903060370/1014>

FRI 03.13.09 Lake Mary firm to build first solar panel plant in Florida

Richard Balbao, Orlando Business Journal

Advanced Solar Photonics LLC, a laser technology provider for solar panel makers, will build the first solar panel module plant in Florida, creating up to 200 new jobs. The \$40 million-plus project includes a 100,000-square-foot buildout of Advanced Solar's 318,000-square-foot Lake Mary headquarters factory off Rinehart Road.

Full Article: http://orlando.bizjournals.com/orlando/stories/2009/03/16/story1.html?ana=e_ph

FRI 03.27.09 USF's top priority: facility to drive innovation and process development

Margie Manning, Tampa Bay Business Journal

A \$43 million clean technologies manufacturing facility planned for the University of South Florida is "shovel ready" and one of the institution's top priorities for stimulus funding. USF hopes to tap into the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to pay for the proposed project, which has been on the drawing boards for a couple of years awaiting funding, said Rod Casto, associate VP for research and technology development.

Full Article: <http://tampabay.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2009/03/30/story8.html>

MON 03.30.09 Manufacturing association promotes county growth

Donna Kelly, News Chief

A panel of manufacturing industry representatives formed four years ago as a requirement for receiving grant funding for the PCC Corporate College has developed into an association promoting manufacturing and economic growth in the county. With about two dozen member companies, the Polk Manufacturing Association continues to support the PCC Corporate College as it looks to attract more affiliates. Members include large companies like Country Hearth, Coca-Cola and Publix as well as smaller manufacturers such as Allied Scrap, American Lokring, and Treatt USA.

Full Article: <http://www.newschief.com/article/20090330/NEWS/903305034/1023/SPORTS01?Title=Ambitious-group-promotes-county-growth>

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Wisconsin firms lauded for manufacturing prowess

Reliable Plant

Eight Wisconsin companies received 2008 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards for outstanding achievements in manufacturing, including a new Grand Award in the Sustainability category. The winning companies were announced at a black-tie awards dinner and program at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

Full Article:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=16204&pagelitle=Wisconsin+firms+lauded+for+manufacturing+prowess>

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03.04.09 Ground-breaking skills certification system will help new and transitioning workers prepare for good jobs

NAM

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and The Manufacturing Institute launched a new NAM-endorsed Manufacturing Skills Certification System that "will revolutionize education and training for the 21st century manufacturing workforce," according to NAM President and CEO John Engler. "At a time when millions of Americans face unemployment, manufacturing jobs with excellent salaries -- and across all skill levels and sectors -- are unfilled because of the lack of qualified applicants," Engler said at a news conference today.

Full Article: <http://www.nam.org/NewsFromtheNAM.aspx?DID=%7B6F59B80E-45D2-48AF-A202-3BA79D4A926D%7D>

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03.06.09 Manufacturers need educated workforce

Karen Owens, The State

There was a time when dropping out of school wasn't such a big deal, when drop-outs could always fall back on a job in manufacturing. That's no longer the case. South Carolina's advanced manufacturing companies require people equipped with strong academic and technical skills, able to develop and use sophisticated manufacturing processes. Creating that highly skilled, properly educated work force is essential to our ability to compete in the global marketplace.

Full Article: <http://www.thestate.com/news-extras/story/671207.html>

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03.23.09 Educators work to manufacture better future for S.J. teens

Joe Golden, recordnet.com

Darren Tibon started training for his blue-collar job as a structural steel supervisor in junior high. Of course, that was back in the 1970s, when his school had a shop class. Today, when Tibon's employer, CBC Steel Buildings in Lathrop, looks for a new production worker, Tibon said: "You'd better be good at math. You'd better be able to read a tape."

Full Article: http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090322/A_NEWS/903220314/-1/A_NEWS04

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03.25.09 NAM says energy efficient act will strengthen manufacturing

National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) President John Engler today said the "Restoring America's Manufacturing Leadership Through Energy Efficiency Act of 2009," (S. 661) is "a welcome bi-partisan approach to one of our most daunting challenges – developing new energy technologies to improve efficiency and reduce carbon emissions."

Full Article: <http://www.nam.org/NewsFromtheNAM/Press%20Releases/ERP/NAMSaysEnergyEfficiencyActStrengthen.aspx>