

# Manufacturing in the News

AUGUST 2009

**WED 08.05.09 French battery maker gets stimulus money for Cecil project**

Mark Szakonyi, Jacksonville Business Journal

A high-tech French battery manufacturer has been awarded the \$95.5 million in federal stimulus funding it needs in order to build a \$200 million plant at Cecil Commerce Center. **Saft America** plans to produce lithium-ion cells and integrate batteries for various uses at a plant that will employ up to 800.

Full Article: [http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2009/08/03/daily30.html?ana=e\\_du\\_pub](http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2009/08/03/daily30.html?ana=e_du_pub)

**WED 08.19.09 Florida looks to manufacturing, ports to boost economy**

David Bauerlein, businessjacksonville.com

Florida's economy has long benefitted from people moving to the state in droves. But with population growth hitting the wall in the recession, state lawmakers are asking what will be needed to power the state's economy in the future.

Full Article: [http://www.jacksonville.com/business/2009-08-19/story/florida\\_looks\\_to\\_manufacturing\\_ports\\_to\\_boost\\_economy](http://www.jacksonville.com/business/2009-08-19/story/florida_looks_to_manufacturing_ports_to_boost_economy)

**FRI 08.21.09 Manufacturing and Education: SME launches fundraising campaign to improve perception of manufacturing industry**

Modern Materials Handling

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation will launch a fundraising effort to support an educational initiative aimed at improving the perception of the manufacturing industry. Entitled, "We Advance Manufacturing Education," the initiative will kick off this fall and address perceptions of manufacturing as a career and advance manufacturing education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Full Article: <http://www.mmh.com/article/CA6678682.html>

**SAT 08.22.09 U.S. Government should preserve manufacturing**

Dan Juneau, Bayou Buzz

Some of the highest paying jobs in America are created by companies that make things. Manufacturing has been a mainstay in the U.S. economy since the beginning of the industrial revolution. Some say that manufacturing is passé, that technology is the future, and that it doesn't matter if manufacturing dries up and blows away. The flaw in those arguments (actually there are numerous flaws) is that one of the biggest users of technology today is manufacturers.

Full Article: [http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/US/Business/US\\_Government\\_Should\\_Preserve\\_Manufacturing\\_9400.asp](http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/US/Business/US_Government_Should_Preserve_Manufacturing_9400.asp)

**MON 08.24.09 GCCC responds to need for highly specialized job training**

Washington County News

The Technology Division at Gulf Coast Community College recently developed a new certificate program and is growing an existing Associate in

Applied Science degree program.

In response to increased demand from state and local employers, GCCC has created the new Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology certificate program, which includes mobile laboratory kits that dramatically increase access to high-quality, hands-on training.

Full Article: <http://www.chipleypaper.com/articles/panama-4132-city-responds.html>

## General Manufacturing in the News

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#### MON 08.03.09 **Manufacturers report signs of hope**

Adam Kress, Jacksonville Business Journal

A new look at the nation's manufacturing sector from the Institute for Supply Management shows more contraction, but signs of economic recovery. Economic activity in the manufacturing sector contracted in July for the 18th consecutive month, but the decline was very small, and beat estimates from economists.

Full Article: [http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2009/08/03/daily9.html?ed=2009-08-03&ana=e\\_du\\_pub](http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2009/08/03/daily9.html?ed=2009-08-03&ana=e_du_pub)

#### FRI 08.07.09 **Addressing America's Perception of Manufacturing**

PR Log

Globalization, emerging technologies, and major economic turmoil are dramatically changing the manufacturing industry and raising major concerns for its future in this country. To address that need, The SME Education Foundation announces the launch of a national fund-raising campaign to secure funding for programs that address perceptions of manufacturing as a career; and advance manufacturing education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Full Report: <http://www.prlog.org/10304122-addressing-americas-perception-of-manufacturing.html>

#### August 2009 **Filling the Skills Gap**

PlantServices.com

In October 2007, the first baby boomer applied for Social Security benefits in the United States. Kathleen Casey-Kirschling was born New Year's Day 1946, at one second past midnight, making her the first baby of a new generation. Her application to receive Social Security benefits signals the beginning of a drain on skilled workers that will result from the retirement of millions of baby boomers worldwide.

Full Article: <http://www.plantservices.com/articles/2009/135.html?page=1>