

Manufacturing in the News

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- FRI 07.03.09 New contracts will help Rini Technologies become manufacturer**
Chris Kauffman, Orlando Business Journal
Rini Technologies Inc. has two new contracts and a third in the works worth a combined \$2 million that will allow the firm to add manufacturing to its research-and-development work.
The Oviedo firm got a \$600,000 contract about two months ago from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory to develop advanced thermal management technology that will keep critical electrical systems cool during space travel.
Full Article: <http://orlando.bizjournals.com/orlando/stories/2009/07/06/story10.html?b=1246852800%5E1854729>
- SAT 07.04.09 Southeast takes top honors at TSA event Manatee students thrive at national tech conference**
Lakewood Ranch Herald
Southeast High School finished as Florida's top high school at the 31st Annual Technology Student Association Conference from June 28 to July 2 in Denver, with six first-place, three second-place and two third-place awards.
Southeast won first-place awards for robotics, photography, architectural model, construction systems, video and technical sketching, and placed in the Top 10 in 20 of the 25 events the 18-member team entered.
Full Article: <http://www.bradenton.com/188/story/1552886.html>
- TUES 07.07.09 Central Florida's solar industry growing hotter**
Rachael Jackson, Orlando Sentinel
In the midst of a dreary economy, the people behind a new company in Lake Mary say things are looking quite sunny. Advanced Solar Photonics plans to start manufacturing solar panels later this month. While Orange County is courting a solar manufacturer from Ohio, the Lake Mary upstart is among a number of solar companies that already make Central Florida home.
Full Article: http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/orl-bizsolar-industry-grows-070709070709jul07_0_3117031.story
- THURS 07.09.09 Company seeks to use Alachua battery plant**
Anthony Clark, The Gainesville Sun
An abandoned battery plant south of Alachua is the ace in the hole for an Orlando company in competition for federal stimulus dollars set aside to make batteries for electric and hybrid vehicles. Should the company score a winning hand, the jackpot for the area could be huge -- more than 600 high-paying jobs and an economic impact of more than \$2 billion.
Full Article: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20090709/ARTICLES/907099890/-1/GUARDIAN?Title=Company-seeks-to-use-Alachua-battery-plant>
- FRI 07.10.09 Manufacturing company gets \$300,000 award**

Bill Frogameni, South Florida Business Journal

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Full Article

http://southflorida.bizjournals.com/southflorida/stories/2009/07/13/story8.html?b=1247457600^1857925&ana=e_vert

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MON 07.13.09 Vought to hire 100 in Stuart as it expands its manufacturing contract with Boeing

Jim Turner, TC Palm

The Boeing Company's purchase of Vought Aircraft Industries' South Carolina facility could soon pay off for Martin County's economy and further expand a local facility that was nearly closed a few years ago. Vought officials plan to add 100 permanent jobs in the coming year and build a \$3.2 million facility at their Witham Field location, all pending the closing on a \$580 million deal between the Seattle-based Boeing and Dallas-based Vought in South Carolina.

Full Article: <http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2009/jul/13/vought-announce-plans-grow-stuart-facility/>

WED 07.29.09 Students get with program at robotics camp

Yvette Hammett, Brandon News & Tribune

Brittany Blake and Corri Gonzalez dashed from competition track to computer screen, tweaking and testing, tweaking and testing. In a week, the two 11-year-olds went from having no clues about what makes a robot work to programming one and entering it in a competition against their fellow campers.

Full Article: <http://brandonnews2.tbo.com/content/2009/jul/29/br-getting-with-the-program/>

General Manufacturing in the News

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FRI 07.10.09 Manufacturers prepare, wait for production rebound

Daniel McCoy, Wichita Business Journal

Even as the majority of its work force is on a four-week furlough, Cessna Aircraft Co. is preparing for an eventual return to higher production schedules. The company is moving forward with plans to add a new \$8.5 million stretch press to its facility at 5800 E. Pawnee St.

Full Article: http://wichita.bizjournals.com/wichita/stories/2009/07/13/story8.html?b=1247457600*1858033&ana=e_vert

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07.21.09 Will manufacturing return to America?

Maureen Cavanaugh and Natalie Welsh, KPBS

PETER NAVARRO (Professor of Economics, University of California at Irvine): Maureen, how are you this morning?CAVANAUGH: I'm doing great. Thank you for being here. And I want to invite our audience to join the conversation. If you think America should start making things again, call us and tell us why. Or perhaps we haven't given the information service economy enough of a chance. Give us a call, 1-888-895-5727. Well, as I say, Peter, you know, we've heard for years that manufacturing was a dying sector of the U.S. economy and plant closures were terrible for communities but it was all part of the changing U.S. economy. What do you have to say to that?

Full Article: <http://www.kpbs.org/news/2009/jul/21/will-manufacturing-return-america/>