

Manufacturing in the News

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- SAT 10.03.09 Deal boosts local links with China**
Kevin Wiatrowski, Tampa Tribune
With its announcement last week of a \$200 million contract with the Chinese government, Dais Analytic joined the ranks of Florida companies trading with the world's most populous country – a relationship worth \$6.5 billion statewide.
The deal promises to broaden Pasco County's manufacturing base by adding 1,000 new jobs over the next five years. Manufacturing now makes up about 4 percent of Pasco's jobs - a miniscule figure compared to neighboring counties but one that county officials are trying to increase.
Full Article: <http://suncoastpasco.tbo.com/content/2009/oct/03/pg-deal-boosts-local-links-with-china>
- MON 10.05.09 Vought begins hiring at its Stuart plant**
Jim Turner, TC Palm
Extremely competitive hiring is underway at Vought Aircraft Industries for the additional workforce needed to handle its manufacturing expansion of inboard and outboard flaps for the Boeing Co., and that may bump the number of local residents who land the \$45,000- to \$50,000-a-year manufacturing jobs that have been promised.
Full Article: http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2009/oct/05/no-headline---tc_vought/
- THURS 10.15.09 Florida-based company plans to ink deal to build manufacturing part at Herington**
Carla Strand, Abilene Reflector Chronicle
Florida-based company that recycles solid waste into green valued added usable products is looking to build manufacturing park north of Herington that is expected to bring about 1,400 jobs to Dickinson County. On Thursday, county officials will sign a commitment letter with Waste Not Technologies of Destin, Fla. to provide land located at the intersection of Kansas Highway 4 and U.S. 77 and the company with more than 1,000 tons of municipal waste per day.
Full Article: <http://www.abilene-rc.com/index.cfm?event=news.view&id=541C0E23-19B9-E2F5-460B3EF24D909D0D>
- TUES 10.20.09 Florida still among biggest tech exporters**
South Florida Business Journal
For the second year in a row, Florida's technology exports have grown by more than \$1 billion, helping the state maintain its place behind California and Texas. Florida exported more than \$14 billion in high-tech products overseas in 2008, more than 9 percent higher than the year before.
Full Article: http://southflorida.bizjournals.com/southflorida/stories/2009/10/19/daily26.html?ed=2009-10-20&ana=e_du_pap#
- THURS 10.22.09 Tampa company set to add 40 jobs**
Alcides Segui, MyFox Tampa Bay

TAMPA - While the unemployment rate is at an all-time high, a Bay Area company is looking to add about 400 jobs to its staff. A company right off of Anderson, Chromalloy Tampa, is investing about \$25 million in Hillsborough County over the next several years. It's also looking to double the amount of staff workers

Full Article: http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/dpp/jobs/chromalloy_tampa_hiring_plans_102209

THURS 10.29.09 Manufacturers' group ideas, support

Marian Rizzo, Ocala Business Journal

In troubling times, one of the best forms of defense comes through unifying. So it is that officers of the Marion Regional Manufacturers Association are attempting to find ways to maintain a unified setting for manufacturing businesses to survive the ailing economy. One of those ways was to reduce dues last year. Depending on the local economy, the lower rates may remain for a while, said Keith Davis, president of MRMA.

Full Article: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20091029/OBIZ/910299972/-1/news?Title=Manufacturers-group-offers-ideas-support>

THURS 10.29.09 Manufacturing: The war on waste

Jeff Brooks, Ocala Business Journal

It's lean times for Marion County manufacturers and they say that's good news. In this case, lean doesn't mean minimal sales, production or a reduced work force. In today's marketplace, lean manufacturing is an constantly evolving philosophy that trims errors, inefficiency and waste from the production process, a vital practice considering the competitive global market.

Full Article: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20091029/OBIZ/910299976/-1/news?Title=Manufacturing-The-war-on-waste>

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SUN 10.04.09 Americans value manufacturing, but don't want to work in it

Charleston Gazette

In the view of most Americans, manufacturing is the key industry necessary to achieving and maintaining America's economic prosperity, overshadowing the technology, energy, health-care, financial-services, retailing and communications industries. Yet, many Americans are wary of manufacturing as a career field.

That's the crux of a recent survey conducted for Deloitte LLP and the Manufacturing Institute. The study shows a wide perception gap between the respondents' positive views of manufacturing's contributions to the nation's economic success and their negative views of career opportunities in manufacturing.

Full Article: <http://wvgazette.com/Opinion/OpEdCommentaries/200910040302#>