



Florida Manufacturing In The News

Northeast

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FRI 01.01.10 Northeast Florida manufacturers forecasting better year than dismal 2009

Jacksonville Business Journal

The year ahead will be slightly better for manufacturers than 2009, but access to credit and the role of the government fuel ongoing uncertainty about the road ahead, according to industry reports.

Full Article: <http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2010/01/04/story6.html>

THURS 01.14.10 Volusia Manufacturers Association Designing 2010 Programs for Manufacturing Success

PR Newswire

Volusia Manufacturers Association (VMA) is the only manufacturing trade association established by manufacturers uniting Volusia and Flagler County Manufacturers and Associates. The Volusia Manufacturers Association offers information, education, and networking opportunities for members, with over 60 programs annually. Once a month, all members can attend a general meeting focusing on topics the board has created for its members driven by member feedback.

Full Article: http://www.free-press-release-center.info/pr0000000000000063137_volusia-manufacturers-association-designing-2010-programs-for-manufacturing-success.html

Southeast

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TUES 01.19.10 New program trains workers as skilled manufacturing technicians

Scott Andron, Miami Herald

Florida leaders are putting a lot of eggs in the biotechnology basket, betting that the fast-growing industry will produce good-paying jobs for state residents. They've spent millions of dollars to attract biotech research centers to the state, and local business boosters are trying to recruit more companies to South Florida.

Full Article: <http://www.miamiherald.com/business/economy/story/1432616.html>

SUN 01.31.10 Florida manufacturing plant optimistic about growth

PR-USA.net

While the recession has been tough on many **small businesses** in the past year, especially American manufacturers, those who have been bold and made **new product** offerings have fared the best. Intervac Design of **Palm City, FL** is one of those small companies that has been feeling optimistic because of the growing success of it's latest product offering the GarageVac.

Full Article: http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=322294&Itemid=95

Southwest

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- THURS 01.07.10 Corporate Training Center at HCC & FL-MEP partner for benefit of Florida manufacturers**
BAMA
The Corporate Training Center @ HCC and the Florida MEP will present a workshop for Manufacturers seeking to expand their operations into the government market or strengthen their competitive advantage in defense contracting. Larry Meadows, Project Manager with Florida MEP's Center for SupplyPoint® Integration Program, will present a workshop to train Florida manufacturing companies in techniques to submit quotes for government and prime contractor procurement. This workshop and networking session focuses on defense acquisition.
Full Article: www.TampaTraining.com
- TUES 01.12.10 Metromont Concrete Maker Building Plant in Bartow**
Kyle Kennedy, The Ledger
Three years after it announced plans for a Polk County expansion, Metromont Corp. is finally making its way here for a project that will eventually bring 100 new jobs. Bartow is ultimately getting the precast concrete manufacturer's new facility after a long and uncertain selection process.
Full Article: <http://www.theledger.com/article/20100112/NEWS/1125023/1001>
- WED 01.13.10 Sun Hydraulics corrosion resistant cartridges now manufactured in the U.S.**
Sun Hydraulics
Responding to growing interest and sales worldwide, Sun Hydraulics Corporation has enhanced the design and broadened the line of Corrosion Resistant cartridge valves, and improved the delivery and pricing. As a result of the changes, overall pricing is down about 10%. Some of the larger valves are down 65%. A few valves are up slightly. Improvements include a change to Lean Duplex Stainless Steel for external parts. This stainless steel is much stronger than 316 and is similarly resistant to corrosion.
Full Article: http://news.thomasnet.com/companystory/571345#_normalStart

General Manufacturing

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Bringing Manufacturing back to the United States

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Most of the news you read isn't good with respect to bringing manufacturing back into the United States from foreign countries. High labor costs and high corporate taxes are major deterrents to putting in new manufacturing plants or keeping manufacturing here. A 2008 survey by the Manufacturing Institute, the research and education arm of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), showed that among manufacturers, the top two priorities for government should be labor cost and tax policy. For many CEOs, when faced with those factors, the numbers favoring the United States just don't add up.

Full Article: <http://www.areadevelopment.com/siteSelection/dec09/united-states-manufacturing-insourcing-costs1102.shtml?Page=1>