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## 3000 Middle & High School Students in 35 Counties in FL to Tour 95 High-Tech Industries for National MFG Day in Florida on Oct. 3

On Oct. 3, as part of national <u>manufacturing day</u> in Florida, 3000 students from 35 counties will tour 95 high-tech manufacturing facilities across Florida. In <u>Hillsborough County</u> over 300 students will tour 11 manufacturers in the Tampa Bay area with a movie screening for the "American Made" movie viewing scheduled at Middleton High School on Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. For more information on these tours and press related coverage please contact Becky Burton, Bay Area Manufacturers Association at <u>becky@bama.org</u> and Jerry Custin, Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association at <u>JCustin@utbchamber.com</u>.

County	Industry Tour	Contact Information
Hillsborough County	Heat Pipe Technology, Odyssey Manufacturing Company, Plastipak Packaging, Inc, Southern Manufacturing Technologies, Sypris Electronics, Tampa International Airport, TECO, EMS Inc., Measurement Supply, TAW, Chromalloy,  American Made Movie Viewing at Middleton High School – Oct 16 5pm	Bay Area Manufacturers Association Becky Burton becky@bama.org  Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association Jerry Custin JCustin@utbchamber.com

The <u>Made in Florida</u> industry tours are made possible by <u>FLATE</u> (Florida Advanced Technological Education), the National Science Foundation Center of Excellence at Hillsborough Community College in Brandon, the Manufacturers Association of Florida, Regional Manufacturing Associations, and manufacturers/educators across the state. The tours celebrate the state's more than 14,000 high-tech manufacturers across Florida, and will serve as an educational opportunity for students to expand knowledge about and improve perception about high-tech careers & educational pathways in manufacturing, in Florida.

The official guide to organizing Manufacturing Day open houses is available at <a href="www.MfgDay.com">www.MfgDay.com</a>. For more information, or to schedule an interview contact Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director of FLATE at <a href="barger@fl-ate.org/813.259.6578">barger@fl-ate.org/813.259.6578</a>, or visit the official *Manufacturing Day in Florida* website at <a href="www.madeinflorida.org/manufacturing-day">www.madeinflorida.org/manufacturing-day</a>.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Becky Burton at BAMA, Jerry Custin at UTB, Dr. Marilyn, executive director of FLATE, will be available for interviews. Opportunity for photo and video coverage will also be available.