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### **2575 Middle & High School Students in 35 Counties to Tour 95 High-Tech Industries for National MFG Day in Florida on Oct. 3**

[FLATE](#), the Florida-based National Science Foundation Regional Center of Excellence and its partners that include Manufacturers Association of Florida, Regional Manufacturers Associations and Florida TRADE, have planned a massive statewide outreach campaign to celebrate National Manufacturing Day in Florida. This year, as in last year, FLATE will once again be taking a lead in hosting, organizing and coordinating “*Made in Florida*” high-tech industry tours for students across the state on October 3, 2014 and any additional tours conducted during the month of October.

To date 95 industry tours have been finalized in 35 counties across Florida with many more to be added between now and October 2014. St. Petersburg College, Florida Gateway College and Tallahassee Community College will each host an open house on site. Gulf Coast State College (GCSC) in coordination with Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council and Middleton High School in Tampa are hosting a screening for the “*American Made Movie*”. GCSC is also hosting an event “Honoring Military in Manufacturing”. Below is an in-depth look at tours that have been finalized so far in counties across Florida. More information on tours and county proclamations will be posted at <http://madeinflorida.org/manufacturing-day>.

County	Industry Tour	Contact Information
<b>Alachua County</b>	Fabco Air	<b>FLATE</b> Desh Bagley <a href="mailto:bagley@fl-ate.org">bagley@fl-ate.org</a>
<b>Baker &amp; Columbia Counties</b>	Open house at Florida Gateway College	<b>Florida TRADE at Florida Gateway College</b> Margaret Lee <a href="mailto:Margaret.Lee@fgc.edu">Margaret.Lee@fgc.edu</a>
<b>North East Florida</b> Duval, St. John, Clay, Nassau	Vistakon, Soler Palau, Florida Machine Works, Rayonier, Rock Ten, Jaxport, SAFT Batteries, Rulon International, Gerdau, White Wave Foods, Main Recycle, Medtronic, Vac-Con, Defenshield, Harbinger Signs, Ameritape, Flotech Valves & Automation	<b>First Coast Manufacturers Association</b> Sherri Mitchell <a href="mailto:sherri@fcmaweb.com">sherri@fcmaweb.com</a>  <b>FL TRADE at Florida State College at Jacksonville</b> Michael Collins <a href="mailto:mcollins@fscj.edu">mcollins@fscj.edu</a>
<b>North West Florida</b> Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa, Bay & Gulf Counties	Ascend Performance Materials, General Electric, Gulf Power, Taminco, Ft. Walton Machining, Merrick Industries, International Paper, Marianna Airmotive, Armstrong World Industries, ARCO, Manown Engineering, Certified Manufacturing, Inc.	<b>Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council</b> Cindy Anderson <a href="mailto:cindy@nwfmc.org">cindy@nwfmc.org</a>
<b>Hillsborough County</b>	Heat Pipe Technology, IC Mechanical, 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	<b>Bay Area Manufacturers Association</b> Becky Burton <a href="mailto:becky@bama.org">becky@bama.org</a>  <b>Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association</b> Jerry Custin <a href="mailto:JCustin@utbchamber.com">JCustin@utbchamber.com</a>

<p><b>Pinellas County</b></p>	<p>American Tool and Mold, Belac Industries, ConMed Linvatec, H &amp; S Swansons Tools, Jabil Defense and Aerospace, Lockheed Martin Operations – Oldsmar, Lockheed Martin Aeronautical - Pinellas, Signage, Gasco, Ventel Plastics,</p> <p>Saint Petersburg College Open House – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p><b>Bay Area Manufacturers Association</b> Becky Burton <a href="mailto:becky@bama.org">becky@bama.org</a></p> <p><b>Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association</b> Jerry Custin <a href="mailto:JCustin@utbchamber.com">JCustin@utbchamber.com</a></p>
<p><b>Florida Heartland</b> Highlands County</p>	<p>EStone, Everglades</p>	<p><b>Sebring Airport Authority</b> Beverly Glarner <a href="mailto:bev@sebring-airport.com">bev@sebring-airport.com</a></p>
<p><b>South West Florida</b> Lee County</p>	<p>Polygon</p>	<p><b>Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association</b> Marni Sawicki <a href="mailto:marni@srma.net">marni@srma.net</a></p>
<p><b>Capital Region</b> Leon, Wakulla, Madison, &amp; Gadsden Counties</p>	<p>Advanced Manufacturing Training Center at TCC Open House</p> <p>Danfoss Turbocor Compressors, Teligent Ems, Lightning Precision Machining, Independent Green Technologies</p>	<p><b>Capital Region Manufacturers Association</b> <b>Tallahassee Community College</b> Bruce Batton <a href="mailto:battonb@tcc.fl.edu">battonb@tcc.fl.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Marion County Region</b> Marion and Citrus Counties</p>	<p>Winco, SPX, Closetmaid, Kmart Distributions, Golden Flake, Marion Metal Works, Krausz Industries, Custom Windows Systems, Sibex</p>	<p><b>Sara Lefils</b> <a href="mailto:sara.lefils@marion.k12.us">sara.lefils@marion.k12.us</a></p> <p><b>Marion Regional Manufacturers Association</b> Rob Adamiak <a href="mailto:mrma.email@gmail.com">mrma.email@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Central Florida</b> Orange, Brevard, Lake, Seminole, &amp; Osceola Counties</p>	<p>Custom Metal Designs, Mercury Marine, Harris, ABB, Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems, Senninger Irrigation, G.W. Schultz Cutrale, Correct Craft</p>	<p><b>Manufacturers Association of Central Florida</b> Taje Naji <a href="mailto:taje.naji@macf.biz">taje.naji@macf.biz</a></p> <p>Sherry Reeves <a href="mailto:sherry.reeves@macf.biz">sherry.reeves@macf.biz</a></p>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> add MFG Day in Florida

<b>South Florida</b> Palm Beach & Broward Counties	Hoerbiger Corporation, NTS Precision	<b>South Florida Manufacturers Association</b> June Wolfe <a href="mailto:june-wolfe@att.net">june-wolfe@att.net</a>  <b>Palm Beach State College</b> Jay Matteson <a href="mailto:mattesoj@palmbeachstate.edu">mattesoj@palmbeachstate.edu</a>
<b>Pasco Hernando Counties</b>	Accuform Signs, Aircraft Tooling and Design, Alumi-Guard, Cal-Maine Foods, Intrepid Machine, Mary Lane' Wrought Iron, Pharmaworks, Seaway Plastics, Southeast Bottling Company, Topline Energy Systems	<b>FL TRADE at Pasco Hernando State College</b> Margie Burnham <a href="mailto:burnham@phsc.edu">burnham@phsc.edu</a>
<b>Polk County</b>	(nothing for now)	<b>Polk Manufacturers Association</b> Thomas Grothouse <a href="mailto:tomgrothouse@polkmfg.org">tomgrothouse@polkmfg.org</a>  <b>Manufacturing Talent Development Institute</b> Eric Roe <a href="mailto:eroe@polk.edu">eroe@polk.edu</a>
<b>South West Florida</b> Sarasota and Manatee Counties	Sun Hydraulics, PGT Industries, Cavanaugh and Company	<b>SAMA</b> Peter Straw <a href="mailto:pdstrawpds@comcast.net">pdstrawpds@comcast.net</a>

Manufacturers and stakeholders across the state are strongly urged to participate, organize regional team of manufacturers, schools, other community groups, and join in the celebrations. In addition to tours, FLATE has designed official Manufacturing Day in Florida T-shirts to highlight the significance of manufacturing in Florida. To pledge support and send in a logo that will be printed on the official 2014 Manufacturing Day T-shirts contact Desh Bagley, FLATE's outreach manager at [bagley@fl-ate.org](mailto:bagley@fl-ate.org).

The official guide to organizing Manufacturing Day open houses is available at [www.MfgDay.com](http://www.MfgDay.com). For local/Florida based manufacturing day events, visit the "Made in Florida" site at [www.madeinflorida.org](http://www.madeinflorida.org). Here you can access resources that answer common questions and outline steps that every Manufacturing Day host will find useful, such as:

- [Joining FLATE's "Made in Florida" tours letter](#)
- [Download Industry Tour List](#)
- ["Made in Florida" Industry Tours for Students – Sign Up and Information Request Form](#)
- [Florida Manufacturing Day Flyer](#)
- [SAMPLE county commission proclamation for Manufacturing Day](#)
- [FLATE MFG Day Resources](#)

This year FLATE has also developed curriculum for elementary as well as 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade students. FLATE will pilot these lessons as part of Manufacturing Day 2014. Elementary, middle and high schools are welcome to access these resources which are posted on [FLATE's Wiki](#) and use it to raise awareness about high-tech manufacturing careers in Florida.

For more information on tours and/or to participate in FLATE's statewide 2014 Manufacturing Day in Florida outreach efforts visit <http://madeinflorida.org/manufacturing-day> on the "Made in Florida" site, or contact Desh Bagley, FLATE outreach manager at [bagley@fl-ate.org](mailto:bagley@fl-ate.org)/813.253.7838 and Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director at [barger@fl-ate.org](mailto:barger@fl-ate.org)/813.259.6578. For press related inquiries contact Janice Mukhia, communications specialist at [mukhia@fl-ate.org](mailto:mukhia@fl-ate.org)/813.259.6581.

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