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MANUFACTURING JOB FAIRS SECURE HUNDREDS OF JOBS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) participated with the Florida TRADE Consortium, the MAF Center for Advanced Manufacturing Excellence, the CareerSource Florida network, and regional manufacturing associations to help organize more than 50 manufacturing job fairs this year around the state. The results are in and more than 1,300 job seekers have been employed as a result of these job fairs.

“By working together we were able to use everyone’s strengths to make connections that benefit job seekers and manufacturing companies. Manufacturing is an industry full of open doors offering personal growth, stability and financial security to employees. When people in Florida need jobs, it just makes sense for them to look at manufacturing careers,” said Nancy Stephens, Executive Director, Manufacturers Association of Florida. “The job fairs were a great opportunity to help people find jobs in manufacturing and make a difference in their lives,” said Dr. Gary Graham, Director of the Florida TRADE Consortium.

In April and October, the manufacturing industry joined forces with colleges and the CareerSource network to match job-seeking Floridians with manufacturers. Due to the success of the manufacturing job fairs in 2015, the partners plan to continue the project with another round of statewide job fairs in the spring of 2016.

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About the Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF)

The MAF was formed in 2006 to improve the business climate for manufacturers in Florida. There are some 18,000 manufacturers in Florida investing in new technology, employing highly skilled workers and competing globally. For more information about MAF, visit www.mafmfg.com.

About the Florida TRADE Consortium

The Florida TRADE Consortium is a team of 15 state and community colleges located across the state of Florida. The Consortium provides accelerated technical training programs and services designed to help program participants obtain jobs in advanced manufacturing. For more information visit www.fltrade.org.

About CareerSource Florida

CareerSource Florida is the statewide workforce policy and investment board of business and government leaders charged with guiding workforce development for the state of Florida. CareerSource Florida provides oversight and policy direction for talent development programs administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida's 24 local workforce development boards and their 100 career centers. Together, the CareerSource Florida network connects employers with qualified, skilled talent and Floridians with employment and career development opportunities to achieve economic prosperity. Learn more at careersourceflorida.com or 1-866-352-2345.