



FACT SHEET

- Florida is home to 14,181 manufacturing establishments, which employ 329,000 Floridians with an average wage of \$47,500.
- Florida manufacturing jobs represent 4.8% of Florida's employment and pay 89.4% of the national average.
- In 2008, the manufacturing industry had contributed 6% of gross state product, significantly influencing Florida's economy.
- Florida's manufacturers view both immediate and long term workforce development as a critical business survival strategy.
- The Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing was launched in 2006 to serve as a statewide, industry-driven resource for manufacturing workforce education and training to ensure the competitiveness of Florida's advanced manufacturing businesses.
- More than 434 Floridians who have participated in the Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing training courses have earned college credit or industry certifications including credit in the Engineering Technology A.S. Degree and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Production Technician (CPT) certification.
- To date, the Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing has partnered with education institutions, regional manufacturing associations, private training providers, and manufacturers in Florida to offer cutting edge industry training throughout the state.
- The Center has also partnered with 58 Florida businesses to develop customized training curricula leading to industry certifications.
- The Center serves as the nexus of industry, education, & economic and workforce development and has training curricula and educational resources to develop world class talent for today's globally competitive marketplace.
- The Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing is one of 10 Banner Centers located throughout the state focused on developing training for targeted, industries based on statewide partnerships and industry feedback.

For additional information on the Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing, please visit www.banner-mfg.org. Contact Dr. Eric Roe at roe@banner-mfg.org (863-669-2838) or Howard Johnson at johnson@banner-mfg.org (863-297-1010, x4079). We are located at Polk State College's Corporate College Campus at Lakeland Airside.