

# NWFLMFC

## Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council



### LEGISLATIVE AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT

The **NWFMC** and University of West Florida announced funding from the Florida legislature in the amount of \$1.5M to stand up and support a regional network of middle and high schools.



Each year the **NWFMC** works with the Manufacturers Association of Florida to

educate our legislators on the importance of initiatives that support manufacturing in Florida.

The **NWFMC** received the first regional manufacturing Quick Response Training (QRT) grant for 3 members totaling nearly \$70,000.



### DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE



Each year during Manufacturing Month (October), the **NWFMC** facilitates hundreds of students touring manufacturing facilities across NWFL building awareness of the opportunities in manufacturing.



Regional manufacturers are leading the push for an increase in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education that can provide a more competitive workforce and improve national economic security.

The **NWFMC** has successfully partnered with all ten regional school districts implementing 11 advanced manufacturing related high school and six middle school programs with approximately 1,000 students enrolled the first year, fostering another pipeline of skilled workforce for our manufacturers.

Each year, the **NWFMC** develops the World of Manufacturing as a part of the Skill USA – Worlds of Possibilities allowing the Council to speak to over 2,000 students regarding the possibilities associated with a manufacturing career.



In 2014, **NWFMC** hosted the statewide Manufacturing Association of Florida Annual Conference in beautiful San Destin, Florida.

### INDUSTRY SUPPORT



The **NWFMC** establishes relationships with regional EDO's and CareerSource organizations to support their mission to grow existing manufacturing businesses as well as to support recruitment of manufacturing businesses to the region.



The **NWFMC** established a committee to focus on the facilitation of transitioning veterans and separating military into the manufacturing workforce. This group is working with area military installations, CareerSource organizations, educators and the local manufacturers to recruit and provide skills training to transition these individuals into the manufacturing workforce.



### REGIONAL IMPACT

- Manufacturing is a key driver in the regional economy, providing over 16,000 direct jobs that generate approximately \$1,123,521,993 in total wages with average wages in excess of \$67,000 per year.
- As of 2011, the manufacturing sector employed 11.8 million workers, or roughly 9% of the American workforce.
- Every new manufacturing job is estimated to create 1.6 new jobs in the local service businesses.
- Manufacturing has led the rebound from the "great recession," accounting for 29% of total economic growth in America since 2009.
- The process of "on-shoring," is bringing back out-sourced jobs. In the first 4 months of 2012 alone, the manufacturing sector added 139,000 jobs.
- Between the four sectors (manufacturing/industrial, transportation, residential, & commercial), manufacturing was the only sector to reduce CO2 emissions between 1990 and 2012, reducing them by 13%.
- Manufacturing is a big investor in Research and Development – in 2011, 3.9% of manufacturing sales accounted for R&D, while non-manufacturing sales only returned 2.3% to R&D

