



Discover Your Lucky Break: Join Us for an Exclusive Plant Tour at A-1 Industries!

As March unfolds, we're thrilled to invite you to embark on an exciting journey with us through the heart of manufacturing excellence right here on the Treasure Coast. 🍀

Join us for an exclusive plant tour at A-1 Industries, where innovation meets precision, and witness firsthand the cutting-edge processes driving our local manufacturing landscape forward. This immersive experience promises to unveil the intricate workings behind the scenes, showcasing the ingenuity and dedication that define our community of manufacturers.

Scroll below for more details on the upcoming plant tour and other exciting events in the days to come. Your lucky break awaits!

Board Meeting Updates

Highlights from our February board meeting:



Strategic Plan for 2024

The TCMA Executive Team is planning a Strategic Planning session to outline the 2024 events calendar. Key discussion points for the next session will include enhancing social media engagement, refining the TCMA Voice bi-monthly e-newsletter, crafting a new value statement, and updating marketing materials. Additionally, there will be deliberations on collaborative membership initiatives,

the 2024 Membership Campaign, and scheduling bi-monthly board meetings with monthly executive team meetings.



A1-Industries Plant Tour

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Join us for an exclusive tour of A-1 Industries' state-of-the-art facility in Fort Pierce. Modern innovation and old-school principles are driving A-1 into the future in its mission of Using Technology to Change the Way America Builds Homes™. Since 1977, their commitment to excellence has positioned A-1 as the premier provider of roof and floor trusses and EZWALL® Innovative Framing Solution™ in the SE United States. Their blend of cutting-edge facilities and proprietary software ensures top-tier efficiency and quality, placing A-1 in the nation's top 5% for single-site production.

Benefits of Attending:

Gain Insider Knowledge:

Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at A-1 Industries Fort Pierce headquarters!

Networking Opportunities:

Expand your network, exchange ideas, and forge potential collaborations

With only 20 spots available, act fast to secure your place and gain a competitive edge in the industry. Don't miss out on this exceptional learning opportunity!



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Member Updates

See what members are sharing from their companies this quarter.



 [From: Southeast Elevator](#)

HOW DOES AN ELEVATOR AFFECT HOME VALUE?

When it comes to real estate, a variety of factors can influence the value of your home. One often-overlooked feature with a significant impact is the presence of an elevator. Once considered a luxury item, elevators are increasingly found in residential properties.

Home elevators are no longer exclusive to mansions or high-end properties. They have become a growing trend in modern residential construction, driven by factors like our aging population and architectural preferences.

Elevators offer accessibility benefits, making multi-story homes more appealing to a broader range of buyers. This includes elderly individuals and/or those with mobility issues.

According to bobvila.com, "A modern home elevator can make a huge difference to the lives of those with mobility issues. It's not just about aging; all kinds of health factors can impact the ability to move freely and easily. If stairs have become a barrier, a home elevator can restore accessibility and independence."

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 [From: Spherion Staffing & Recruiting](#)

SPHERION RECOGNIZED AS TOP BRAND FOR 19 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Spherion Staffing and Recruiting (Spherion) has ranked for the 19th consecutive year on Entrepreneur Magazine's Franchise 500® list, considered the best and most comprehensive franchise ranking in the world, for 2024. Ranked third in both "Staffing/Recruiting" and "Business Services," Spherion was also listed at No. 63 overall, landing the brand in the top 12% of all the franchises recognized.

The ranking achieved by Spherion solidifies the brand's reputation as the most awarded staffing and recruiting franchise in the United States. In 2023 alone, Spherion opened 14 new franchise locations, bringing the brand's total to 78 franchisees in 209 locations across the U.S.

"It's truly an honor to be recognized by Entrepreneur Magazine on its annual Franchise 500® list," said Kathy George, executive vice president of Spherion.

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Industry News

Latest trends and updates in manufacturing



FloridaMakes

“Bring the Veteran Advantage to the Workplace” Initiative Connects Veterans to Manufacturing

FloridaMakes Bridges the Manufacturing Sector Talent Gap by Facilitating Employment of Veterans with Florida Manufacturers

FloridaMakes, the official representative of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program in the state of Florida, announced the launch of a groundbreaking workforce program in sync with Governor DeSantis' goal of enhancing employment and educational opportunities for veterans, active military members, and their families.

This initiative, “Bring the Veteran Advantage to the Workplace” is specifically designed to seamlessly connect transitioning servicemembers with lucrative manufacturing apprenticeship occupations, further solidifying Florida's commitment to supporting our nation's heroes.

The program is funded through The Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant (PCOG), administered by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). This initiative gives Florida manufacturers the opportunity to bring the veteran advantage to their workplace, through the Department of Defense's (DoD) SkillBridge and to develop and prepare their future workforce with industry-driven, high-quality career pathways through registered apprenticeships that provide post-secondary education and lead to industry recognized certifications. Florida manufacturers, through this program, can enroll and provide upskilling opportunities to their existing veteran workforce.

“Through this initiative, we’re poised to connect the innovation-driven needs of the manufacturing sector with the discipline, leadership, and technical acumen of our veterans. We are not just filling jobs; we are forging career pathways.” said Marcelo DosSantos, Director for Workforce Development at FloridaMakes.

[For more information about this program click here!](#)
