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**EDC and Florida MEP Offer Free Training For Manufacturing Companies Through
M.O.S.T. ®**

The Economic Development Council of Collier County (EDC), in partnership with the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), is offering free training for entry-level manufacturing positions through the Time Wise Mobile Outreach Skills Training (M.O.S.T. ®) program.

The EDC is reaching out to local manufacturing companies to find those interested in participating; companies must commit to hiring entry-level workers by early fall. Once the EDC has a minimum of ten positions committed, the training can take place. Without the ten positions, the EDC and Collier County miss out on this great opportunity.

"Manufacturing is a targeted industry in Collier County. We work with those companies to meet their needs and often hear about the lack of skilled labor. When we learned of the opportunity to bring a training program to Collier, at no charge to the manufacturers, we started working on it right away," said Bill O'Neill, Chairman of the EDC.

The M.O.S.T. ® program, created by Time Wise Management Systems, is an intensely-focused practical skills, theory and hands-on curriculum that uses a process of both computer-based 3-D simulations and hands-on self-paced training modules. The program involves comprehensive training in shop math, blueprint reading and metrology, computer numerical control (CNC) machine milling and turning, as well as fundamental manufacturing skills.

The M.O.S.T. ® program is different because it relies on manufacturers to establish the demand for entry level positions and trains the appropriate number of people to satisfy

that demand. They work with the local workforce development boards to find the right candidates for the job and conduct a significant amount of screening to ensure that the best candidates receive the training and jobs.

"The two-week intensive training by M.O.S.T. provides new hires with sufficient initial skills that enable them to immediately begin contributing to the company's overall performance. Not only does M.O.S.T. provide job specific skills, but also provides good employee skills. What M.O.S.T. provides in two weeks would normally take months of on-the-job training and with much less formality. We highly recommend M.O.S.T. to any company that needs highly motivated and semi-skilled employees that otherwise would not [be] available," said John Goings, General Manager, Kreiger Machine Company, Inc.

The M.O.S.T. ® program content is designed to train people for the jobs of the future in a new, greener economy. It trains and places people with little or no prior experience into entry level production jobs in a fraction of the time of traditional programs. This program provides an opportunity to lift the new hires and their families out of poverty, provide health insurance for the first time and position them for career ladders that allow long-term growth and higher earning potential. The training modules can be customized to the specific needs of the employer and the skill sets of the students and are available in English or Spanish. To watch a video about the M.O.S.T. ® program, [click here](#). Please contact Brooke Gabrielsen at Brooke@enaplesflorida.com or 239.263.8989 ext. 109 if you are interested in hiring entry-level manufacturing employees for this program. If you are an individual interested in training, please contact the Career Services Center at 239.436.4301. For more information about M.O.S.T. ® and the Florida MEP, visit <http://www.timewisems.com/MOST.html> and www.floridamep.org.

This week at the Economic Development Council of Collier County July 9, 2010

Business Attraction & Expansion

Show your support and help us honor and recognize existing businesses by sponsoring in the Excellence in Industry Awards <http://bit.ly/bJHISU>

Grow Collier Leader of the Week: Mike Brown from Banyan Brown leads for the second straight week with Ben Becker, Larry Martin and Dara Goren tied for second place! Click [here](#) to learn more about the Grow Collier campaign.

Don't Miss Mike Hyde, Vice President of Advancement and External Relations for The Jackson Laboratory, on County Highlights hosted by Commissioner Fiala on Comcast Channel 14:

July 14, 2010	5:00-5:30 p.m.
July 16, 2010	5:30-6:00 p.m.
July 18, 2010	8:00-8:30 p.m.
July 20, 2010	5:30-6:00 p.m.
July 22, 2010	5:00-5:30 p.m.
July 24, 2010	7:00-7:30 p.m.

Watch The Jackson Laboratory- Florida Video <http://bit.ly/bs4Mcf>

Ask a Question about The Jackson Laboratory-Florida proposed expansion

<http://bit.ly/cTPqj3>

Economic Gardening

Economic Gardening Information Session for Second-Stage CEOs scheduled for July 21st <http://bit.ly/a4hBf2>

Only 12 spots left to receive free technical assistance through the EDC. If you are a second stage company (10-99 employees), please contact Brooke Gabrielsen at Brooke@enaplesflorida.com.

Project Innovation

Volunteers Needed for Project Innovation Drivers Task Force <http://bit.ly/cdwlb1>

Become a Corporate Supporter of Project Innovation; contact Beth Sterchi at

Beth@enaplesflorida.com

Marketing & Regional Branding

"Tee Up for Economic Diversification" at the EDC's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

<http://bit.ly/crNFfg>

Investor Relations

EDC Board Members Bolin, Cartwright Named to Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillar Caucus System <http://bit.ly/amldMp>

There are several sponsorship opportunities available for upcoming EDC events. These events include the 3rd Annual Tee Up for Economic Diversification Golf Tournament and the 2010 Excellence in Industry Awards program. Contact Kristi Bartlett, Communications & External Relations Manager, at Kristi@enaplesflorida.com for more information.

The EDC has many volunteer opportunities for EDC Investors. These include the Investor Advisory Board, Excellence in Industry Fundraising Task Force, Business Attraction Committee and Economic Gardening Advisory Board. Contact Maureen Christensen, Investor Relations Director, at Maureen@enaplesflorida.com for more information or to become an EDC Investor. <http://bit.ly/dxTnRw>

Mark your Calendar for the upcoming events and visit www.enaplesflorida.com to register or for more information:

July 13th: Fierce Biotech Presents Biotechnology 101: An Industry Overview for the Non-Scientist; [Register Today](#)

July 17th: Florida Housing Help [Workshop](#)

July 19th: Young Professionals Science Café featuring The Jackson Laboratory; contact Kristi@enaplesflorida.com to RSVP. SPACE IS LIMITED!

July 27th: Collier County Board of County Commissioners meeting; 9 a.m. BCC Chambers

August 20th: EDC's Third Annual ["Tee Up for Economic Diversification"](#)

September 21st: 27th Annual [Excellence in Industry Awards](#) Luncheon Program

The EDC thanks you for your support and dedication to economic diversification. Please contact Kristi Bartlett, Communications and External Relations Manager, at Kristi@enaplesflorida.com with questions or comments about this publication. Follow EDCCollier on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

