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Open the Doors and Celebrate Manufacturing!

October 2nd kicks off Manufacturing Month in Florida

Brevard County, Florida (October 5, 2015) - October is "Manufacturing Month" in Florida and Brevard County. It is a time to celebrate companies dedicated to this core industry and learn more about modern, high tech manufacturing and innovative technologies.

"Manufacturing is the backbone of any community, and with over 500 manufacturers calling Brevard County home, it is only natural we celebrate this fundamental industry," stated Lynda Weatherman, president and chief executive officer for the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC). Manufacturing Month" allows us to showcase the broad spectrum of items produced here on the Space Coast and build a sense of pride in these home grown products."

Companies such as Craig Technologies and Rapid Prototyping Services, LLC opened their doors on Friday, October 2, 2015, known as "Manufacturing Day".

"Craig Technologies' philosophy for Manufacturing Day is that manufacturing and 'Made in the USA' is a family affair - one with which ALL Americans identify. By opening our doors we were able to highlight our local manufacturing workforce and their families," stated Carol Craig, chief executive officer of Craig Technologies.

Rapid Prototyping Services, LLC in Satellite Beach had 3D printers on hand and operating. "Manufacturing Day is a great opportunity to show what 3D printers do and hopefully, inspire others. By coming into my business and observing the machines at work, each person walked away with a better understanding of high tech manufacturing," said Ken Brace president of Rapid Prototyping Services.

The following municipalities have adopted Manufacturing Month in their respective communities: City of Rockledge, Town of Palm Shores, City of Satellite Beach, City of Palm Bay, City of Titusville, City of Melbourne, City of Cape Canaveral, City of Cocoa Beach, City of Cocoa, City of Indian Harbour Beach, City of West Melbourne and Brevard County.

You can learn more about manufacturing in Brevard County by visiting the EDC's *Made In Brevard* website at www.MadeInBrevardFL.com.

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About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit www.SpaceCoastEDC.org.

About Manufacturing Month

Starting October 1, 2015, students, parents, teachers are set to tour high-tech industry sites across Florida as part of "Made in Florida" industry tours for 2015 Manufacturing Day/Month. Counties across the state are also set to issue proclamations marking October 1 & 2 as the official kick-off dates for 2015 Manufacturing Day/Month. Additionally, several colleges and manufacturers will be hosting open houses on site, with screening of the "Made in Florida" video and other statewide events planned to celebrate manufacturing across Florida. Indeed Manufacturing Day/Month is sure to impact Florida in a big way!