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Middle & High School Students in Pinellas County to Tour Local High-Tech Industry Sites for National MFG Day/Month in Florida

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, middle and high school students from Pinellas County are set to tour 14 high-tech manufacturing sites with a “Made in Florida” movie screening scheduled at James Weldon Johnson Library & Seminole Library on Oct. 21 & 27, respectively. CareerSource Pinellas will host a job fair at the EpiCenter campus on Oct. 17 from noon to 3 p.m., with priority given to military veterans during the first hour. City of Safety Harbor took a leading step in issuing a proclamation for Manufacturing Day on September 9. Oldsmar, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, and Pinellas County will each issue proclamations for Manufacturing Day on Oct. 6, Oct. 8, Oct. 14 and Oct. 20, respectively.

County	Industry Tour and MFG Day/Month Related Events	Contact Information
<p>Pinellas County</p>	<p>American Tool & Mold, Bausch & Lomb, Ball Corporation, Beckwith Electric, Belac, Cavaform, ConMed, GaFoods, Jabil, Lockheed Martin, MasterCut Tools, Monin, Seaboard Manufacturing, Sign-Age, Ventel Plastics</p> <p>America Made Movie Screening: James Johnson Library & Seminole Library</p> <p>Misc. Events.: Job Fair at EpiCenter Campus, On Your Mark Get Skills Go</p>	<p>Bay Area Manufacturers Association Becky Burton becky@bama.org</p> <p>Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association (UTBMA) Jerry Custin JCustin@utbchamber.com</p> <p>School District of Pinellas County (SDPC) Greg Taylor taylor@pcbs.org</p>

The [Made in Florida](#) industry tours are made possible by [FLATE](#) (Florida Advanced Technological Education), the Florida-based National Science Foundation Center of Excellence, in partnership with the [Manufacturers Association of Florida](#), [Florida TRADE](#), and Regional Manufacturing Associations across the state which includes BAMA and UTBMA. The tours celebrate high-tech manufacturers across Florida, and are geared to educate/expand students’, educators’, parents’ and the community’s knowledge about STEM-based, high-tech careers & educational pathways in manufacturing in Pinellas County & across Florida.

For more information on these tours contact Becky Burton at Bay Area Manufacturers Association at becky@bama.org; Jerry Custin (JCustin@utbchamber.com) at Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association, and Greg Taylor (taylor@pcbs.org) at the Pinellas School District. For information on statewide Manufacturing Day events contact Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director of FLATE at barger@fl-ate.org/813.259.6578, and Nina Stokes, FLATE project manager at stokes@fl-ate.org/813.259.6587, or visit the official Manufacturing Day in Florida website at www.mfgday-fl.com and www.madeinflorida.org/manufacturing-day, or at www.MfgDay.com.

EDITOR’S NOTE: *Becky Burton at BAMA, Jerry Custin at UTB, Greg Taylor at SDPC, Dr. Marilyn, executive director of FLATE, Nina Stokes, FLATE’s outreach manager, will be available for interviews. Opportunity for photo and video coverage will also be available.*