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October 22, 2025

5:30pm - 9:00pm

Kick-off Reception at the Made in Florida Exhibit Hall

Employer of Choice: What It Takes to Build a Great Place to Work.

Moderator: Brittany Greer, Executive Director, Rosie Riveters

Kenneth Attai, Chief Executive Office, 247 Manufacturing

Tim McKindles, Director Ecological Laboratories

Kris Hanigosky, Vice President of Operations, Nautique Boat Company

Florida Manufacturing Excellence Awards Dinner



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October 23, 2025

7:30am - 4:00pm

Networking Breakfast

Welcome Remarks

Kevin Carr, Chief Executive Officer, FloridaMakes

Morning Keynote Address

Manufacturing – Perhaps Florida's Most Important Industry Today and For Tomorrow

Bill Fruth, President, POLICOM Corporation

Insights from Industry Sectors

The State of Florida's Marine Industries

Phil Purcell, President & CEO, Marine Industries Association of South Florida

Life Sciences

Dr. Anthony M. Magliocco, MD FRCPC FCAP, President and CEO, Protean BioDiagnostics

Semiconductors: Building the Future, One Wafer at a Time

Sophia Watson, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, UF Florida Semiconductor Institute

Building the Global Hub for Sustainable Aerospace Commerce

Ryan Robertson, Vice President of Space Sector Business Development, Space Florida

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Caffeine & Connections Networking Break

Insights from Industry Sectors (continued)

The State of the Florida Medical Device Industry

John Ray, Executive Director, Florida Medical Manufacturers Consortium

Forging Florida's Future: The Defense Industrial Base at a Time of Transition

CAPT Richard M. Miller Jr., USN (Ret), Vice Chair, Florida Defense Alliance

Manufacturing Growth in Rural Florida

Richard Williams, Executive Director, Opportunity Florida

Lunch Keynote Panel

Florida's Manufacturing Ecosystem: Strategies for Supporting Florida's Manufacturing Growth

Moderator: Jason Mahon, Chief Manufacturing Officer, FloridaCommerce

Adrienne Johnston, President & CEO, CareerSource Florida

Kevin Carr, Chief Executive Officer, FloridaMakes

Beverly Byerts, Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships, Florida SBDC Network

From Local to Global: Opportunities and Challenges in Manufacturing, Trade & Logistics

Moderator: Michael Aller, Vice President, Strategic Development

Henry Moth, Director of Operations, Red Meters

Michael Horton, Director-Business Transformation, Oshkosh Vocational GPSC

Sweet Treats Networking Break

Closing Keynote

*Casey Barnes, Regional Market and Economic Development Leader, BRPH
and Chair, Florida Economic Development Council*

Closing Remarks

*John Krug, Director of Economic Development and Community Relations, Niagara Bottling
and Chair, FloridaMakes Board of Directors*

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