

**CareerSource Palm Beach County  
LWDB 21  
EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY CONSORTIUM of  
the Palm Beaches: Manufacturing Focus  
QUARTERLY REPORT**

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Report quarter:** 3

**Date of meeting:** June 5, 2024

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## B. SUMMARY REPORT

1. Summary analysis of the local labor market based on the industry representative needs and education offerings. (Provide summary)  
Manufacturing Trends in Palm Beach County were presented by Peter Pignataro, with 27 years of experience in manufacturing, who

provided valuable information on the industry's impact on Palm Beach County's economy. He emphasized the substantial GDP contribution of manufacturing, the high average wage in the sector, and the increase in job openings over the past year, showcasing the positive trends in the manufacturing sector. Companies that are expanding within the county as well as those new to Palm Beach were discussed.



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2. Information on priority industry sectors and occupations for the local area. (Provide summary)  
LMI data was provided to the participants. In addition, the Learner Pathway showcasing the courses of education in PBC schools was highlighted for the attendees. Each certification and degree was highlighted. The educational providers and the manufacturing partners voiced to all their strong partnerships are already established specifically with Adult Education and Palm Beach State College. The participants discussed the challenges and opportunities in the trades, highlighting the need to attract students and faculty, integrate with educational institutions, and address the perception of trade careers. They emphasized the importance of hands-on programs, employability skills, and work-based learning to ensure students are well-prepared for the industry. The team emphasized the effectiveness of the BUILD model in engaging business partners and gathering feedback through real-time voting. They discussed the upcoming meeting on June 26th, where the lead instructor will present the feedback to ensure the curriculum aligns with industry requirements and provides students with the necessary skills and abilities.
3. Information on the status of existing talent pipelines for in-demand occupations. (Provide summary) Educational Pathways and Programs for Manufacturing were shared. No new changes were recommended. One issue that all addressed was recertification of the J20 soldering certification, its expense and access to qualified

instructors. CareerSource discussed IWT funding for this. Companies new of this funding availability.

4. Action items:

- a. Dr Kim Lea (Palm Beach State College) will coordinate with industry partners for guest speakers and advisory board members for the college's manufacturing programs.
- b. \* Peter Pignataro will provide manufacturing report to meeting attendees and distribute it via email. (completed)
- c. \* Julia Dattolo with Michael Corbit will coordinate industry tours for school counselors and students to visit manufacturing facilities.
- d. \* Matt Linehan will facilitate partnerships with industry for internships, donations, and scholarships for students in manufacturing programs.
- e. \* Maybel Colon will organize a meeting to discuss feedback from the BUILD model and incorporate it into the curriculum for manufacturing programs.