



EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY CONSORTIUM QUARTERLY REPORT

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Report quarter: Q2

Date of meeting: 11/13/2024

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B. ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Industry or Education Organization	Contact Information
Laura Roberts	Manatee Technical College	Education	Roberts1@manateeschools.net
Ron Serpliss	State College of Florida	Education	Serplir@scf.edu
Mireya Eavey	Credit Union 1	Finance Industry	Mireya.eavey@creditunion1.org
Rob Harris	SAMA	Manufacturing Industry	Execdir@sama-fl.com
Mike Endee	STC	Education	mendee@sarasotacountyschools.net
Jon Mast	Suncoast Builders Association	Construction Industry	jon@suncoastba.org

Christina Witt	CS Suncoast	Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB)	cwitt@careersourcesc.com
James Disbro	CS Suncoast	Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB)	jdisbro@careersourcesc.com
Terri Clark	CS Suncoast/ TClark Workforce Solutions	Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB)	tclark@careersourcesc.com

B. SUMMARY REPORT

1. Summary analysis of the local labor market based on the industry representative needs and education offerings. (Provide summary)

The Education and Industry Consortium Committee (EICC) met on Wednesday, November 11, 2024, for the quarterly meeting via Teams. Representation from all educational partners (STC, MTC and SCF) provided updates for the respective areas. Highlights include STC receives large grant for expansion of programs at the Nort Port campus, MTC held Fall Advisory meeting, and SCF received Perkins equipment funding to improve manufacturing lab. All entities reported high enrollments for the fall and look forward to spring enrollments to be the same.

2. Information on priority industry sectors and occupations for the local area. (Provide summary)

EICC members present represented the manufacturing, construction, and finance sectors. Mireya Eavey (Credit One) and Rob Harris (SAMA) provided industry updates within the financial and manufacturing sectors. Mireya provided information on the Employer Roundtable event to be held on November 15, 2024, to assist employers with financial access and literary opportunities for their employees. Credit One has provided CS Suncoast with a \$125, 000 grant geared towards apprenticeships. Rob provided SAMA updates to include a joint project with MTC/Laura Roberts to collaborate with area manufacturing and the digital production program at MTC. The 2025 calendar for plant tours is almost finalized

and will also include educational tours. Ron encouraged MTC, STC, and SCF to host a SAMA tour day if interested.

3. Information on the status of existing talent pipelines for in-demand occupations. (Provide summary)

The EICC committee discussed remote worker employability and technical skills that are being taught. Laura Roberts/MTC provided specific topics taught within MTC's Medical Coding and Biller program. Topics to include, but not limited to, integrity, time management, effective communication, professionalism, digital etiquette, active professional online presence, technical proficiency, and utilizing digital resources.

James provided an overview of business service and funding opportunities within CS Suncoast to assist employers with the training and services needed to recruit and retain employees.

Quarter 3 Meeting Preparation:

- Next meeting (Q2) will be held on February 5th at 11am via Teams.