



# EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY CONSORTIUM QUARTERLY REPORT

## A. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Report quarter:**   Q3  

**Date of meeting:**   2/5/2025  

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**Local workforce development board contact:**   Terri Clark   **Date:**   2/5/2025  

## B. ATTENDANCE

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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)

The Education and Industry Consortium Committee (EICC) met on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, via Team’s for our Q3 meeting. Representatives from education and industry provided updates. STC and MTC reported upcoming open house and career fair events. Industry representatives discussed various employment needs, especially in the healthcare sector, ranging from entry level to doctoral level.

TClark facilitated the discussion regarding Florida Commerce’s Top 30 Jobs by 2023 report. The committee compared the top 20 statewide in-demand jobs with the Suncoast region top in-demand jobs. Several were listed in both the state and local report. Occupations such as commercial driver, nursing, and general managers.

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

EICC members present represented the manufacturing, construction, healthcare, and finance sectors. Mireya Eavey (Credit One) provided information on the Employer Roundtable event that was 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. Jennifer Harmon (Centerstone) discussed an increase number of healthcare related job vacancies in the Suncoast area. The cost of living was one mentioned barrier for employment within the region.

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

The EICC committee discussed financial literacy opportunities for individuals entering the workforce. Based on a recent employer roundtable, information was shared on the importance of financial literacy prior to entering the workforce.

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. James also promoted the upcoming Apprenticeship 3.0 Lunch and Learn.

#### Quarter 4 Meeting Preparation:

- Next meeting (Q4) will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am via Teams.