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COMING UP . . .

February 10 3pm-5pm	PMA Meeting USF PCC Lakeland Technical Bldg 1100
March Date & Time TBD	PLANT TOUR Lakeland Electric McIntosh Unit 5 Limited to 30 PMA Members
Upcoming Dates	Millwright Apprenticeship Training MSSC/CPT Training Analytical Trouble Shooting Course Project Management Classes

PMA has a new website and its being updated with new information. Visit often to see the changes and added benefits for PMA members.

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Green Manufacturing & Sustainability Speakers to address going 'green' plus more.

POLK MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION MEETING

February 10, 2009 ~ 3:00pm-5:00pm
USF/PCC LTB, Lakeland Campus

Join us as we hear from experts on Green Manufacturing with keys to Sustainability. For those manufacturers interested in improving process efficiency, reducing costs and conserving energy and resources by being "green", you won't want to miss this program. Also on the agenda is the Legislative Update, new training options and initiatives available specifically for the manufacturing industry. Learn from a short interactive demo of two upcoming grant-funded classes: ATS (Analytical Trouble Shooting) & Project Management. Plus more exciting news on education, networking and more!

Please RSVP to info@polkmfg.org or 863/860-6206. No cost to attend.

Meeting Sponsor: Rockwell Automation

NOT A MEMBER YET?

Manufacturers and related industries in Polk County need access to information, training, and networking, to remain strong and viable. The programs and services of the Polk Manufacturing Association address areas of vital concern to its members. PMA is the only trade organization focused on the success of local manufacturers. If you're a manufacturer, you need PMA. *Join today!*

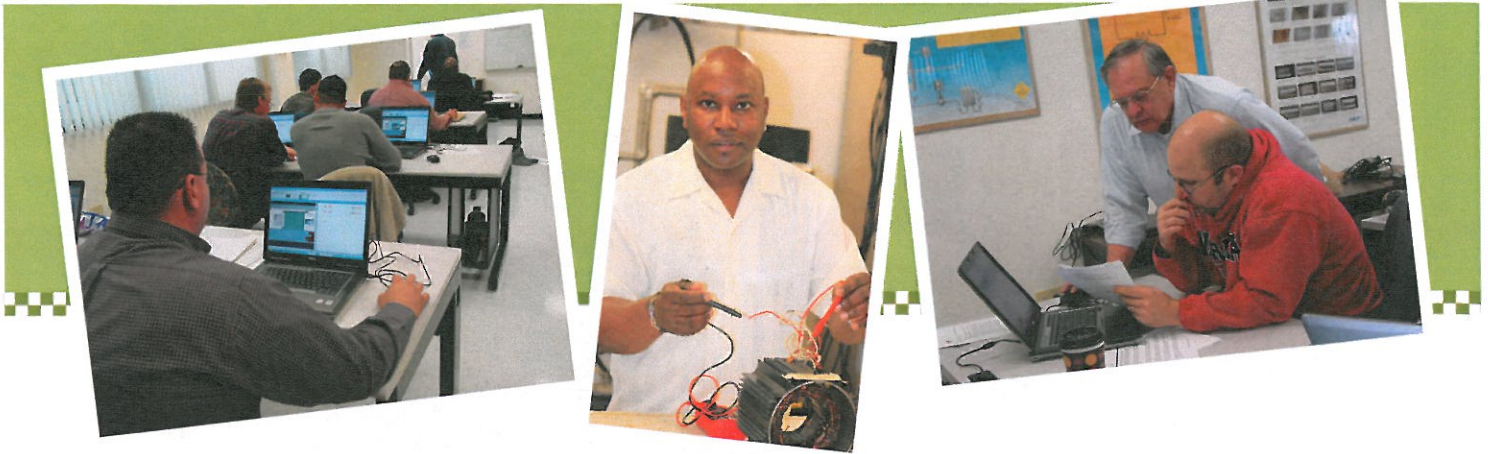
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Grant Provides Free Training – Are you in?

Awarded to PMA & PCC Corporate College by the Dept of Education, the \$286,899 Grant will train 100 employees for the manufacturing industry through 4 different classes.

Banner Manufacturing “Fundamentals” Class for MSSC Certification

Starting March 16, this M-F 9am-3:30pm class will run through April 17 and is limited to 15 students. The cost of this 120-hour class, including the TABE prerequisite and the MSSC* certification testing, is completely covered by the grant. Targeted students are unemployed, under-employed or those wanting to pursue an entry-level manufacturing position.

Banner Manufacturing “Essentials” Class for MSSC Certification

For individuals with prior manufacturing experience, this 80-hour certification course prepares students to sit for the MSSC Certified Production Technician examination. This grant funded class includes prerequisite TABE and MSSC certification testing. Limit 15 students.

**Manufacturing Skills Standards Council.*

Analytical Troubleshooting (ATS)

This course teaches analytical skills for finding process improvement solutions. Designed for a team of 2-6 employees from the same company who work in different function areas, this hands-on course helps teams learn how to apply best management practices to find cause, and take action. The ATS course uses curriculum developed by Kepner-Tregoe . Up to 5 companies can participate.

Coming Soon ...

2 Project Management Classes

Register Now for Millwright Apprenticeship



The Millwright/Mechanical Apprenticeship Program for PMA members is ready to start their first class April 6, 2009.

The Apprenticeship Committee of PMA together with PCC Corporate College, developed the Millwright Apprenticeship Program to meet the needs of Polk County employers for mechanical journeymen. This collaboration has resulted in a pooled effort to allow employers to participate in the shared program to gain well-trained employees at greatly reduced costs. Some employers may even qualify for Employed Worker Training Grants through Polk Works that would further reduce the training expense. Committee Chair Susan Harris, TREATT USA, has worked diligently on the program details and registration requirements. For more information on his PMA program and how your company can participate, please contact Ernie Helms, PCC Corporate College at 813/245-5907 or eehelms@yahoo.com.

As a volunteer executive director Susan Clayton Black has taken the lead in providing quality programs and increasing benefits for the members of PMA (pictured above with Steve Kullberg, Co-Chair). She is currently promoting the training classes and working to increase PMA membership. Please welcome Susan and give her your suggestions at info@polkmsg.org, black.susan.c@gmail.com or 863/860-6206.