WHY FLORIDA?

FLORIDA’S 20,000+ MANUFACTURERS PRODUCE NEARLY EVERYTHING, INCLUDING SUCCESS.

Thanks in part to its pro-business policies, strong workforce, and trade infrastructure, Florida ranks among the nation’s top 10 states for manufacturing. Florida’s manufacturers produce a wide variety of goods including aerospace products, batteries, food and beverages, communications equipment, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, boats, and more.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Consistently ranked one of the best states for business, Florida is committed to keeping regulatory requirements and business taxes low. That, along with a strong economy and zero personal state income tax, make it a great place to do business. We won’t stand in the way of your success. We’ll pave the way for it.

BOUNDLESS MARKETS

Florida is an economic superstate—home to 21+ million residents and home-away-from-home for 125+ million annual visitors. Whether you and your customers are serving Florida’s large market, the U.S., Latin America, or the globe, Florida can help you find new growth opportunities anywhere.
Florida has one of the most extensive multi-modal transportation systems in the world — giving you the ability to move your product anywhere in the world. So the only thing easier than operating your business in Florida is moving your product out.

**MAP KEY**
- Commercial Airports (20)
- Deepwater Seaports (15)
- Spaceports (2)

**WORKFORCE EXPERTISE**

Nothing is more important to a company’s success than its workforce. More than 371,000 Floridians work in the state’s manufacturing industries and our training schools, community colleges, and universities are among the nation’s top producers of STEM graduates. So while we’re helping you succeed with today’s talent, we’re also preparing tomorrow’s.

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**FLORIDA’S ANNUAL OUTPUT OF SELECT SKILLED CERTIFICATE AND DEGREE HOLDERS**

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<th>Title</th>
<th>Non-Degree Awards/Certificates</th>
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*Source: JobsEQ®; Data as of the 2017-2018 academic year. *Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.*
FLORIDA’S MANUFACTURING CLUSTER
(select companies highlighted)

Companies Manufacturing in Florida (BLS QCEW)
371,000 Manufacturing Industry Employees (BLS QCEW)
A-Z Florida Companies Manufacture Everything from Airplanes to Zircon

20,000+ Companies Manufacturing in Florida (BLS QCEW)
371,000 Manufacturing Industry Employees (BLS QCEW)

#2 Best State for Job Growth (Forbes)
#3 Most Diverse Workforce (CNBC)
“One of the unique things about our Florida operations is that we aren’t just launching here, we’re building here. At Exploration Park, we’ll have a 21st century production facility where we’ll focus on manufacturing our reusable fleet of orbital launchers and readying them for flight again and again. Residents of the Space Coast have enjoyed front-row seats to the future for nearly 60 years. Our team’s passion for pioneering is the perfect fit for a community dedicated to forging new frontiers. Keep watching.”
Jeff Bezos | CEO | Blue Origin

“We received tremendous support from local government, community officials, and business leaders and on behalf of all of us at VOXX, I would like to thank Governor Scott, Mayor Jacobs and everyone else involved for their unwavering commitment throughout. VOXX has been in the automotive business for over 50 years and VOXXHirschmann for over 80 years. We understand what our customers need and the importance of quality, convenience and value. By having this new 115,000-square-foot manufacturing hub in Orlando, along with our other manufacturing plants throughout the world, we are now in a stronger position to meet the needs of our global customers and drive innovation for years to come.”
Pat Lavelle | President and CEO | VOXX International

“Mission Foods has experienced incredible success since first opening our plant here in Lakeland, and it is clear Florida was the best place to continue growing our company. As a national brand, we are proud of our commitment to local communities, and we know that our most important ingredient is the hard-working individuals that make us great.”
Richard Schuh | Regional Vice President | Mission Foods

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