



## SPECIALTY MANUFACTURING MINUTES JUNE 16, 2005 SUN HYDRAULICS

Welcome and introductions were made by Peter Straw who told the group he and Clyde Nixon have stepped down as Co-Chairs of SMC and he introduced Jody Hubbard from Sun Hydraulics and Dave Ferguson from Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership. They are the new Co-Chairs for SMC. Peter was thanked by EDC staff and the attendees for doing a great job and Clyde will be contacted to say thank you to him for his great leadership for the past two years.

### **SUB GROUP REPORTS**

#### **Capabilites Index**

Peter reported that he will be the manager for the Capabilites Index initiative. EDC felt that in order to expedite the process, a portion of the Cap Index funding would be used for hiring a full time coordinator. Peter will calling on manufacturers in Manatee and Sarasota Counties and setting up appointments with a goal of 100 manufacturers by September 30, 2005.

#### **LEAN Consortium**

Nick Ladikos reported that there will be a tour of Eaton Aerospace on June 21, 2005 at 10:00 AM. The LEAN sub group chaired by John Clement of Gemesis Corporation will have “waste sheets” designed by Peak Performance to use as they tour the plant. Eaton has two fulltime LEAN Managers and welcome input from the companies who will be touring their facility.

#### **Education**

Jim Bedell spoke about the funding proposal that will be presented to the EDC Cluster Funding Committee on July 12, 2005 by Maura Howl and Bruce Anderson. They are asking for funding for a program that is aimed at the parents of middle school and high school kids that will highlight how lucrative a career in manufacturing can be. Peter Straw spoke about A Biomimicry workshop that SMC is also going to ask funding for. The workshop will lead to a demonstration project between a manufacturer and local scientists that is yet to be determined. An EDC Biomimicry Sub Group has been formed and planning a project. Peter is on the committee representing the manufacturers.

Jody and Dave’s topic was “Revisit the Vision” They looked at the original initiatives to see if we were on track with what we are doing in SMC the group felt that this was the direction to take. Jody had a slide show which we did not get a chance to see in its entirety and will be forwarded to the group. [click here to see the presentation](#)  
Dave asked what they would like to see on the next agenda. Nick Marazita from Sunset Mold has been appointed to take Clyde Nixon’s place on the TEDB (Tourism Economic

Development Council). He said he wants to give a report on those meetings to update the group. Discussion on education, a speaker from FLMEP and a case study of a manufacturer who wants to move here were other suggestions. The group wanted a set schedule set for the meetings and it was decided that the **third Thursday every other month** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** would be the time that works for all. Also, having at different places is interesting.

Dave asked the group to evaluate the meeting and it was suggested having time constraints for each topic is a great idea and we need to stick to the times allotted. Want to have the agenda before the meeting and group participation format is great. Group decided they want two hours for the meetings. Thank you to Dave and Jody for excellent first meeting!

Next meeting date is Thursday, August 18, 2005 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Jobs ETC, 3660 North Washington Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 210, Sarasota.