



Florida Sterling Council

Benchmark with Great Companies

Background Info:

The Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) serves as an advocate for Florida manufacturers with its mission to improve the manufacturing business climate in Florida. Any manufacturer, or company serving manufacturers, is eligible to receive newsletters, attend the Annual Manufacturers Summit, participate in committees, and provide input on manufacturing issues of interest. The Board of Directors is comprised of those companies and manufacturing organizations that have chosen to make a significant commitment to the future of manufacturing in Florida.

MAF categorizes its advocacy work in five main areas: Workforce, Finance and Taxation, Sustainable Communities, Communications/Utilities, and Transportation. MAF is also committed to developing a workforce that will serve the present and future needs of Florida's manufacturing workforce. In that regard, MAF has been instrumental in working with partners to institute pathways for obtaining nationally recognized industry certifications, steer students into technical and engineering careers, and translate this education to community college credits. Tax policy is another major focus. MAF has been instrumental in changing state tax policy so that inputs to the manufacturing process are not taxed.

The Manufacturers Annual Summit, the Manufacturer of the Year Awards, and Manufacturing Days at the Capitol, all serve to raise the visibility and improvement the business climate for manufacturing in this state.

Nancy Stephens, CAE, IOM, Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of Florida has served on the Sterling Council Board for one year. She also is President of Nancy D. Stephens & Associates LLC, an association management, meeting planning and lobbying firm in Tallahassee, FL. During her service on the Board she has introduced Sterling to the manufacturing and association community, encouraged involvement in Sterling benchmarking processes, appointed a staff person to become a Sterling Examiner, and committed MAF and her business to excellence.

"Manufacturers have long been committed to quality and excellence. Sterling provides another excellent tool for our toolkit."

Key Competencies

MAF adds the strength of 17,000 manufacturing companies to the Sterling Board, the historic commitment to quality and excellence, and the enthusiasm for the Sterling model.

Benchmarking

Our partnership with Sterling serves to share process improvement and quality management systems with and among a multitude of companies in the state.



To Nancy, With best wishes *Charlie Christ*



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