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SUNCOAST WORKFORCE BOARD HONORED
WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR PREAPPENTICESHIP INITIATIVE
Construction Technology Careers Partnership Earns National Award for Innovation

The Suncoast Workforce Board was awarded a Theodore Small Award for its Construction Technology Careers initiative last week at the National Association of Workforce Boards conference in Washington, D.C.

Four workforce boards from across the country were honored for innovation and excellence.

CTC is a unique and growing preapprentice program that recruits high school juniors and seniors into the construction trades. Students attend high school for part of their day and spend the other part at either Manatee Technical Institute or Sarasota County Technical Institute. CTC is a partnership among 36 construction companies and trade associations, two school boards and the Suncoast Workforce Board.

“I am very proud of CTC,” said Mary Helen Kress, Executive Director of the Suncoast Workforce Board, “CTC Chairman Mark Kennell of WG Mills, CTC Vice Chairman Jay Brady of the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, CTC Coordinator Kristey Richardson and all the members of the CTC Council have worked hard and smart to build CTC from a dream to a viable partnership for the industry and students.”

The mission of the Suncoast Workforce Board is to provide the leadership to build an effective and efficient workforce in Manatee and Sarasota counties.

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Accepting the Award (L to R)are SWB member Frank Kovach, Communications Coordinator Martha Robinson, CTC Coordinator Kristey Richardson, SWB member and NAWB member Renee Eppard, NAWB President Jeff Howe, SWB member Steve Queior, SWB Chairman Lindy Smith, CTC Chairman Mark Kennell and SWB Executive Director Mary Helen Kress from NAWB Executive Director Stephanie Powers and Danny Allen of Upstate Workforce Investment Board in South Carolina