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GULF COAST BUILDERS EXCHANGE ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISER FOR CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CAREERS PREAPPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

4th Annual Construction Industries Joint Meeting to Serve as Fundraiser and Networking Event

The Gulf Coast Builders Exchange will hold its 4th Annual Construction Industries Networking Event on Thursday, March 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sarasota Classic Car Museum, 5500 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Proceeds will benefit the Construction Technology Careers (CTC) preapprenticeship initiative. The event is open to anyone interested in supporting this model youth preapprenticeship program, which addresses the increasing skilled worker shortage in the construction trades of masonry, electrical, plumbing, carpentry and heating/air conditioning.

The event costs \$25 per person and includes tours of the car museum, food and beverage, raffle, auction and exhibits. More information is available by calling 361-6090 x 113. RSVP by March 10. Reservations and information are available by calling 361-6090 x 113.

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Together we're building your future workforce!

“We at CTC are pleased that all these industry associations and their members support this preapprenticeship program. They support it with their time and energy. They provide mentors and summertime on-the-job training opportunities for students. Now is the time for networking and continued support,” said Mark Kennell, chair of CTC and Sr. Vice President at W.G. Mills.

This Gulf Coast Builders Exchange annual event is a collaboration between the local chapters of nine industry associations. Supporting organizations are the Aluminum Association, Construction Specifications Institute, Electrical Council of Florida (Manasota Chapter), Florida Concrete and Products Association (Region 5), the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, Manasota Air Conditioning Contractors Association, the Sarasota and Manatee Plumbing/Heating/Coolers Contractors, the Sarasota and Manatee Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors and the Southeast Glass Association. The Suncoast Workforce Board also supports this event.

Sponsors this year include Able Body Labor, Graybar Electric Company, the Electrical Council of Florida (Manasota Chapter), the Florida Concrete and Products Association (Region 5 Chapter), Turner Tree and Landscape, Wyman Plumbing, Carrier Air Conditioning, Climatic Conditioning Co. Inc., Custom Air, the Home Builders Association of Manatee County, the Home Builders Association of Sarasota County, Victor Distributing Co., Willis A. Smith Construction, the Construction Specifications Institute, and Key Glass and Window Inc.

CTC is a growing and unique preapprenticeship initiative that targets junior and senior high students for career exploration in the construction trades, including electrical, HVAC, plumbing, masonry and carpentry. Founded in 2001, the program indentured 48 preapprentices last school year. CTC is a partnership among the area’s construction industry, Manatee and Sarasota School Boards, and the Suncoast Workforce Board.