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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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### National Careers In Construction Week October 12-16

**Sarasota/Manatee** – The Construction Technology Careers (CTC) Preapprenticeship for Youth in Manatee and Sarasota Counties is recognizing the fifth annual Careers in Construction Week taking place October 12-16, in conjunction with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) in Gainesville.

Careers in Construction Week is designed to increase public awareness of the hard work and contributions of our nation's craft professionals. In addition, this week promotes recognition among parents, teachers, guidance counselors and students of the rewarding career pathways available in construction.

"2008's observance was a success" said Ryan Philips, CTC Chair. "Governor Charlie Christ proclaimed the week for Florida. Sarasota and Manatee Counties followed suit. We encourage contractors and schools to use this week to honor craft professionals and recognize construction for its true impact on our quality of life."

For 2009, CTC began the week with certificate of appreciation presentations to the CTC instructors in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties at a meeting held Tuesday, October 13 at Jobs ETC Sarasota. CTC is currently available to youth at MTI, SCTI, Sarasota HS, North Port HS, Booker HS, Manatee HS, Southeast HS and Palmetto HS. CTC was founded in 2000 as an industry-driven workforce development partnership designed to strengthen the skilled workforce of the construction trades. It operates as a partnership between the Suncoast Workforce Board, GCBX, construction industry employers and two county school district. Hundreds of youth have been served since its inception. CTC has won national awards as a best practice model partnership.

NCCER has an awareness campaign available on line at [www.nccer.org](http://www.nccer.org) which includes a video on construction career opportunities, sample press releases, logos, proclamation templates, suggested class activities and more. The "Build Your Future" YouTube video is available at [www.youtube.com/user/nccerweb](http://www.youtube.com/user/nccerweb). NCCER is a not-for-profit 501 C 3 education foundation created by the construction industry to strengthen the industry for future generations.

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2005 National Association of Workforce Boards Theodore E. Small Distinguished Award Honoree  
2005 Manatee Chamber of Commerce "District-Wide Partner" Award Winner

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