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## ***The Manufacturing Edge: Breaking Barriers, Unlocking Success***

**Annual Symposium  
August 31, 2023**

### **Schedule**

7:30 AM – 8:10 AM	Registration / Breakfast / Exhibitors Open / Networking
8:10 AM – 8:20 AM	Welcome and Overview: Lake Ray, FCMA President
<b><i>Sessions One and Two are presented in collaboration with FloridaMakes as part of this year's Make More on the Road initiative, the focus of which is 'Producing More Manufacturing Talent.'</i></b>	
8:20 AM – 9:20 AM	<b>Session One: <i>Employer of Choice: How to Attract and Retain Top Talent</i></b> <b>Speakers from FCMA member companies</b>
9:20 AM – 9:30 AM	Special Word from Make More on the Road sponsor, Florida Power & Light (FPL)
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Session Two: <i>The State of Manufacturing and Business in Florida</i></b> <b>Speaker: Frank Walker, EVP of Governmental Relations, FL Chamber</b>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break – <u><i>Please visit the Exhibitors</i></u>
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Introduction of Exhibitors (Part I)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Session Three: <i>Networking in the Future</i></b> <b>Speaker: Steve Beaman, Elevare Technologies</b>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch / Keynote Address: Ed Randolph, Chief of Economic Development, City of Jacksonville (on behalf of Mayor Donna Deegan)</b>
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Introduction of Exhibitors (Part II)
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	<b>Session Four: <i>Artificial Intelligence: Where We Are and Where We're Going</i></b> <b>Speaker: Matt Berseth, Chief Information Officer, NLP Logix</b>
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break – <u><i>Please visit the Exhibitors</i></u>
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Session Five: <i>State of the Nation Update</i></b> <b>Speaker: U.S. Congressman Aaron Bean, Florida, District 4</b>
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Power Panel – Moderated by Congressman Aaron Bean</b> <b>Panelists: Laura DiBella, FL Secretary of Commerce / CEO of Enterprise FL Robert Peek, Chief Commercial Officer, JAXPORT Ed Dean, Host, Ed Dean Radio Show</b>
4:00 PM	Door Prizes and Closing Remarks