

FSI and AmSkills Partner to Boost Florida's Semiconductor Workforce

As the semiconductor industry rapidly evolves in Florida, continuous skill and knowledge enhancement is essential for the workforce.

Fortunately, a new partnership between two Florida innovators will help create opportunities for individuals to secure high-wage jobs in the semiconductor industry in the state, ultimately transforming lives and strengthening communities.

The Florida Semiconductor Institute (FSI) and AmSkills, Inc. (AmSkills) are excited to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at expanding the capacity and reach of workforce development initiatives in the semiconductor and microelectronics sectors throughout Florida.

"FSI is excited to partner with AmSkills, particularly to amplify engagement with un/underemployed adults and home school students in our communities." said David P. Arnold, Acting Director, Florida Semiconductor Institute, University of Florida

Through this collaboration, FSI and AmSkills will integrate and align their programs, infrastructure, and operational processes to significantly enhance workforce initiatives across the state. This partnership will expand AmSkills' Career Discovery Bootcamp, a two-week mobile training program that establishes temporary training centers statewide. Participants will gain new skills, earn nationally recognized certifications, and receive career coaching, culminating in guaranteed interviews with multiple employers.

In addition, FSI and AmSkills will extend the AmSkills NextGen High School and Home School technical programs, as well as the Florida Department of Education Registered High School Pre-Apprenticeship program, into other regions of the state.

This initiative aims to prepare Florida's future semiconductor workforce by supporting students from high school, home school levels, adults, veterans and those seeking new careers or technical skills.

Tom Mudano, President & CEO of AmSkills stated "AmSkills is thrilled to partner with FSI in this innovative effort to develop a skilled semiconductor workforce in Florida. By expanding our technical programs serving high school students, homeschoolers, and the AmSkills Career Discovery Bootcamp for adults seeking new career paths, we are creating unique pathways to high-wage jobs in a critical industry,"

The Florida Semiconductor Institute serves as the statewide hub for research, development, and workforce initiatives in semiconductor technologies. Our expertise encompasses emerging materials, chip design, process development, microsystems, heterogeneous integration, advanced packaging, and cybersecurity. Dedicated to making Florida a global leader in specialty electronics, FSI drives high-impact R&D programs, expands the talent pipeline, and coordinates the state's semiconductor ecosystem. We desire to catalyze over 10,000 new high-wage jobs,

foster public-private partnerships, and in so doing, expand the semiconductor industry throughout the state of Florida. By working closely with companies to provide information and support, we will achieve mutual growth and prosperity. <https://fsi.institute.ufl.edu>.

AmSkills, a 501(c)(3) organization with headquarters in Holiday, Florida, is a Florida Department of Education Registered Apprenticeship Program with a proven track record of developing comprehensive technical training and apprenticeships, focusing on recruiting, training, and sustaining a highly skilled workforce in the manufacturing sector. Together, AmSkills and FSI are building a pipeline of talent that will empower individuals, transform communities, and contribute to Florida's leadership in the microelectronics and semiconductor sectors. <https://www.amskills.org>.