



THE SUNRISE CITY  
**FORT PIERCE**  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COMMISSION  
*Florida*

October 16, 2017

Governor Rick Scott  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

On behalf of the City of Fort Pierce, I am writing to seek your support of a vitally important capital outlay project at Indian River State College: building the \$23.3 million, state-of-the-art **Treasure Coast Advanced Manufacturing Center**.

Over the past two legislative sessions, IRSC has committed \$2 million in private funding and \$6.5 million (\$1.5 in 2015; \$5 in 2016) has been appropriated by the Florida Legislature toward this endeavor. Our region is most appreciative for this public support, however, the facility remains approximately \$14.8 million short of breaking ground. IRSC has a proven track record as the primary workforce training and technical service provider for Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties. This project will expand and enhance the college's ability to serve our community, so we respectfully seek your support of full funding in the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session.

In a 2017 Treasure Coast Skills Gap Study completed by the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Gehant & Associates, and in collaboration with business and educational leaders across Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast, the Advanced Manufacturing Center project was reported as a "vital resource for filling many of the high demand jobs in Trades and Manufacturing" that exist in the region. Moreover, Electronic Manufacturing Services Industry (EMSI) and DEO Employment data suggest that employment opportunities currently exist in sustainable building construction, smart manufacturing, automotive technology, HVAC, metal fabrication, and specialized trades, and they will continue to be some of the fastest growing, high-wage employment opportunities through 2025. A modernized industrial skills facility is the most promising means to address these present-day and future needs, particularly with IRSC's 47 year-old skills building beyond its useful life and in dire need of replacement.

Supporting the request of Indian River State College will result in a strong return on investment of public funds, help manufacturing and trade industries flourish on the Treasure Coast, and most importantly, offer new opportunities for local citizens to gain quick, affordable training in fields with vast openings. Please know that IRSC's Treasure Coast Advanced Manufacturing Center funding request has the full support of the City of Fort Pierce, and we thank you in advance for your consideration of this \$14.8 million capital outlay appropriation.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson  
Mayor



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The Honorable Joe Negron  
Office of the President  
Florida Senate  
409, The Capitol  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear President Negron:

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The Honorable Richard Corcoran  
Office of the Speaker  
Florida House of Representatives  
420, The Capitol  
402 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

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