Tampa Bay Construction Career Days



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[Tampa / Riverview, FL] - Back After popular demand, Construction Career Days is returning to Tampa Bay on Wednesday, April 13th to give local high school students the opportunity to learn firsthand about roadway construction from industry professionals through interactive learning lab activities.

"The Florida Department of Transportation values the relationship with our contractors in the industry and Construction Career Days is a great opportunity for us to partner with them on a common goal to increase exposure to the construction industry, particularly road and bridge construction in the Tampa Bay area, in the hopes that it will attract individuals interested in current employment as well as future opportunities," shared Bill Jones, District Seven Construction Engineer for the FDOT.

Tampa Bay's construction industry continues to surge in the private and public sectors. "The construction industry is growing, and there just are not enough qualified candidates in the market to fill our needs. This problem will only get worse if we don't start bringing the younger generation into our workforce," said Thomas Butler, SUCA Chairman.

The event will take place at the Hillsborough County Public Utilities Department, 10707 Rhodine Road, Riverview, FL 33579 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The media is encouraged to attend this event as students participate in an array of learning activities, such as, operating heavy equipment, testing materials, simulating bridge design, asphalt paving operations, concrete mixing, interviewing, traffic safety and other construction activities. With the industry's continued growth, high school students can also make meaningful connections that can lead to jobs after graduation.

"This is a great event and we are excited to participate. By exposing high school students to our industry we hope to educate them of the many diverse careers that exist within the construction business," said Jim Goyer, Vice President of Skanska. "The pipeline of projects and demand for people continues to grow along with the population growth here in Florida. This growth provides for great employment opportunities for those about to graduate from high school. There could not be a better time to consider a career in the construction industry."

The Tampa Bay Construction Career Day is hosted by Suncoast Utility Contractors Association (SUCA), FDOT, Florida Transportation Builders Association (FTBA) and industry leaders. The event teaches students about career opportunities in the transportation industry and spotlights companies that are committed to opening doors for youth.

To learn more about the event, please visit: http://ccdfl.com/events/ccd-tampa/index.php