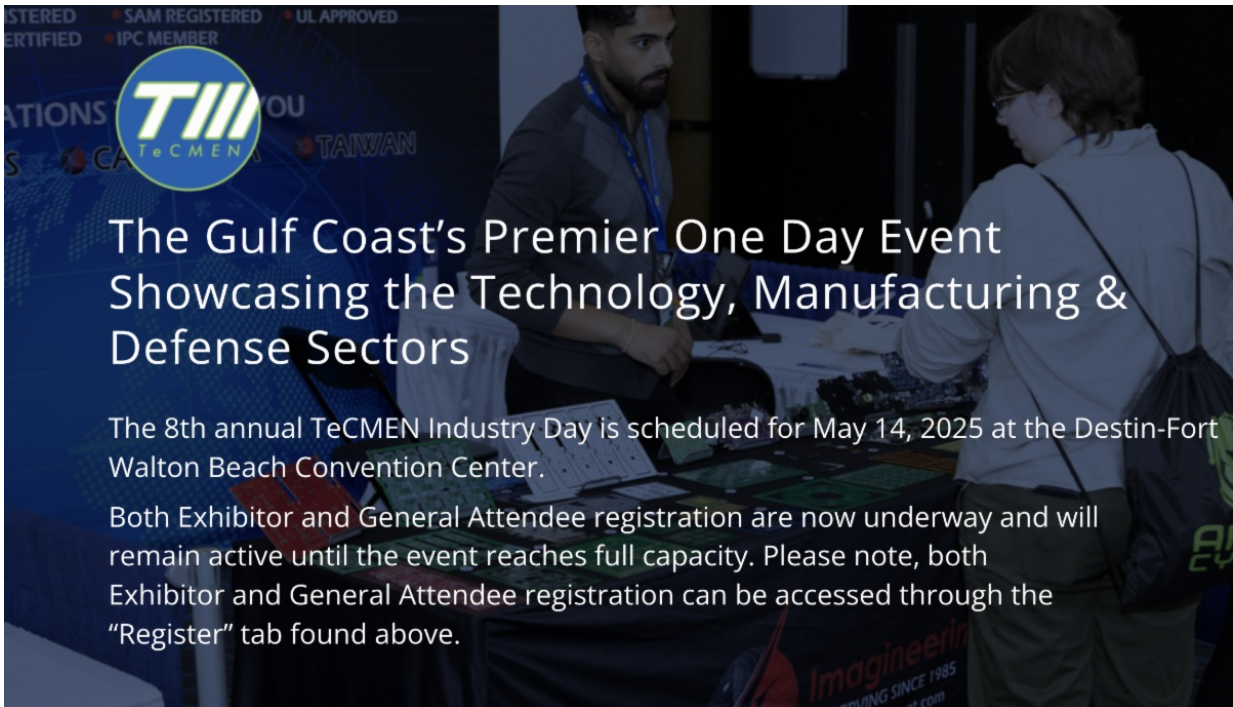




2025 Word of the Year "Catalyst"

Register for TeCMEN on May 14th



The Gulf Coast's Premier One Day Event Showcasing the Technology, Manufacturing & Defense Sectors

The 8th annual TeCMEN Industry Day is scheduled for May 14, 2025 at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center.

Both Exhibitor and General Attendee registration are now underway and will remain active until the event reaches full capacity. Please note, both Exhibitor and General Attendee registration can be accessed through the "Register" tab found above.

2025 Sterling Manufacturing Business Excellence (SMBE) Award

Congratulations to CGIA Partner and 2025 Silver Recipient, **Blue Wind Technology, LLC!**

The SMBE Awards and recognition are given annually to regional manufacturers who achieve high levels of performance in several categories, including leadership, strategy, customer and



market focus, measurement, analysis, knowledge management, workforce, and operations.

Florida Members - CALL TO ACTION!

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LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS ON FLORIDA CAREER EDUCATION



Florida has placed a significant focus on creating and maintaining world-class Career & Technical Education (CTE) programming. Maintaining momentum requires sustained investment. The current language in **SB 2510** and **SB 7030** threaten this. The proposal to reallocate bonus funding, eliminate middle school funding, and further limit certification attainment by grade-level would cause school districts across Florida to reduce programming, potentially closing those that can no longer be sustained.



Big plans are in the works for our fall general membership meeting.

Stay tuned for more information! You don't want to miss the opportunity to join us!

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