



## Recap of TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

**Meeting Date: September 14, 2015**

### ❖ TBRPC Honors Manny L. Pumariega, Executive Director

Manny Pumariega, Executive Director will officially retire September 30<sup>th</sup> marking the end of a 35 year career at the Council. A celebration was held in his honor at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. The Council is currently undergoing an independent search for the new Executive Director.

### ❖ American Manufacturing Skills Initiative- AMSkills

Mr. Bryan Kamm, Executive Director for AMSkills provided an overview of the initiative. The American Manufacturing Skills Initiative, known as AMskills, is a \$2.35 M industry-led State and County-funded economic and workforce development initiative. AMskills delivers a high-tech, world class, four-year apprenticeship program modeled after the successful German/European apprenticeship programs. AMskills provides the opportunity for Tampa Bay students seeking advanced manufacturing careers to work as apprentices for local manufacturing training sponsors. AMskills goal is to fill the void of advanced manufacturing training requirements for local companies and to build a stronger manufacturing future for our Tampa Bay region and nation. AMskills has 5 training centers (3 in Pinellas, 1 in Pasco and 1 in Hernando) currently matching student apprentices with local manufacturers in the following four occupational disciplines: Industrial Mechanics, Toolmakers, Electronic Technicians for Industrial Engineering and Mechatronics Technicians. Upon completion of the four year apprenticeship program, student apprentices will receive a multi-disciplined globally recognized German IHK Certification, as well as US recognized credentials such as MSSC, NIMS and PMMI, and a full time job with the company sponsor.

All presentations, pertinent links and detailed minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at [www.tbrpc.org](http://www.tbrpc.org). 727.570.5151