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The RAMS[®] Family of Companies has been awarded a Statewide training grant by Workforce Florida, Inc. under the Florida reBuilds Program to provide Success-Based Training through RAMS The Education Connection's (TEC) JumpStart curriculum and supervision through RAMS Resource Partnering Group (RPG). This one-year grant provides the vehicle for TEC to train and RPG to employ up to 700 unemployed and underemployed Floridians into the growing construction industry.

The focus of the training will be entry-level electricians, plumbers, and pipe fitters. TEC will utilize its two mobile training simulators to conduct training classes throughout the State. In addition to skills training, TEC will also instruct OSHA 10 Construction Safety and Health to each participant and issue certifications. Furthermore, TEC will provide each student with a suite of hand tools to utilize during the 960 hours of classroom and OJT training, which become theirs upon completion.

“With an emphasis on high quality training and a commitment to job placement, RAMS offers an excellent opportunity to Floridians seeking employment in an industry with a demand for skilled workers,” said Tom Shiner, Director of Special Projects for Workforce Florida, Inc. “RAMS’ participation in Florida reBuilds will help ensure a continual pipeline of well-trained workers in construction, which is critical to sustaining the State’s strong economy.”

All RAMS units (RPG, PSG, and TEC) will work in close contact with the twenty-four (24) local workforce boards to ensure these advancement opportunities are provided to as many Floridians as possible. We at the RAMS Family of Companies look forward to working closely with Workforce Florida, Inc. and our contractor customer partners in providing quality training coupled with full-time employment for all participants.

Additionally, we are confident this program will have a positive impact on Florida's economy and the overall image of the construction industry.

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