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To: All Our Valued Customers and Apprenticeship Programs

From: Skip Mathews, **RAMS** President

Subject: **WORKFORCE FLORIDA AND RAMS JOIN FORCES  
TO IMPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

**RAMS** is pleased to announce that we have successfully negotiated and executed a one-year training grant with Workforce Florida, Inc. to train and deploy 700 Floridians in the construction field.

Our contractor partners throughout the State will realize multiple levels of benefits from this aggressive initiative. Increased visibility and support from local workforce boards will be instrumental in assuring the proper talent flows to our industry of the entry-level candidates we need so desperately. State funding support will allow **RAMS** to enhance entry-level compensation to candidates without passing those increases to our customer partners, improving both quality and retention. **RAMS** will expand the geographic areas of Florida we cover to insure a positive impact on more of our customer partners. We will hold more classes to try to better flow new talent to our customer base.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of our participating customer training partners and participating apprenticeship programs over the past two years. **JumpStart** has been recognized as the premier construction career development initiative in the State – Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana here we come. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts and welcome to all new customer partners.