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## **NEWS STATEMENT**

Tallahassee, FL - In 2010, the Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) created a new association – the MAF Center for Advanced Manufacturing Excellence, Inc., (MAF Center) - to help facilitate the development of the advanced manufacturing workforce, conduct research and grant work, and provide scholarships. Nancy Stephens, President of nancy d. Stephens & Associates, and also the Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of Florida, was tapped to help with the startup of that new 501c3 organization, in addition to her work with MAF. She managed both organizations through start up, securing grants, establishing a Research Council, a Leadership Council, and helping secure FloridaMakes.

Now that the MAF Center is well established, Ms. Stephens is stepping away from it and back to lead MAF's very ambitious advocacy agenda. "The time has come for new leaders to emerge within the MAF Center to move it forward. I am grateful that I could serve the MAF Center as they launched their new organization and look forward to working closely with the MAF Center as it continues to partner with MAF." For continuity, Ms. Stephens will finish up her work as Project Manager on two grants currently underway for the MAF Center.

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