## Volusia Manufacturers Association Plant Tour Explores HealthCare Manufacturing in Daytona Beach



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The Volusia Manufacturers Association is sponsoring an exclusive plant tour of Covidien's Deltona Manufacturing Facility. Covidien, a publically traded company on the NYSE, is a global provider of life-saving healthcare and pharmaceutical products.

The <u>Volusia</u> <u>Manufacturers</u> <u>Association(VMA)</u> is sponsoring a private tour of <u>Covidien</u>, one of the leading manufacturers of



healthcare devices and supplies in the world. VMA manufacturing members will take a tour of Covidien's State-of-the-art manufacturing facility on May 19, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. Covidien is located at 2010 E. International Speedway Blvd. in Deland, FL.

Covidien is a leading manufacturer of medical devices and supplies, diagnostic imaging agents, and pharmaceuticals. Covidien employees 42,000 employees worldwide in more than 60 countries, with products sold in over 140 countries. Covidien's market stretches across the medical device, pharmaceutical, and medical supplies industries, focusing product lines on endomechanical, soft tissue repair, energy, oximetry and monitoring airway and ventilation, vascular products, specialty pharmaceuticals and chemicals, active pharmaceutical ingredients, contrast and radiopharmaceuticals, nursing care, medical surgical, Sharp Safety and OEM products.

Covidien provides a dvanced surgical tools and supplies, sutures and wound care products, needles and syringes, contrast media for diagnostic imaging, respiratory care devices, and generic pharmaceuticals. Key Brands include Kendall, Autosuture, Valleylab, Mallinckrodt, Nellcor, and Puritan Bennett. Also, recognizable, successful products include Monoject Magellan<sup>™</sup> Safety Needle, Valleylab<sup>™</sup> RF Ablation System, Kangaroo ePump<sup>™</sup> Enteral Feeding Pump, and Optivantage<sup>™</sup> DH Dual Head Injector, to name a few.

"Covidien has been a leading healthcare and pharmaceutical manufacturer in the Daytona Beach area for many years, under Tyco International. It's an exciting time for Covidien, after separating from Tyco in 2007, focusing their operations on the manufacture of many innovative healthcare products and pharmaceuticals. Covidien's commitment to research & development hopefully will bring new, vital, life-saving products for humankind, and as a side, additional expansion and growth for Volusia County," said Jayne Fifer, President & CEO of the Volusia Manufacturers Association."

Volusia Manufacturers Association (VMA) is the only manufacturing trade association established by manufacturers uniting Volusia and Flagler County Manufacturers and Associates. The Volusia Manufacturers Association offers information, education, and networking opportunities for members, with over 60 programs annually. Each month, one manufacturing member hosts a plant tour for all members to attend to see daily operations and to gain understanding into their business operations.

Jayne Fifer added, "The Volusia Manufacturers Association Monthly Plant Tours provide opportunities for local manufacturers to promote their manufacturing capabilities and can often create unanticipated collaborations among local manufacturers." For more information about the Volusia Manufacturers Association or attending this meeting, please contact Volusia Manufacturers Association or Jayne Fifer at 386.673.0505.

## About Volusia Manufacturers Association:

The Volusia Manufacturers Association was founded in 1980 in Volusia County, Florida by manufacturers for manufacturers. Volusia Manufacturers Association provides information, education and networking opportunities to help manufacturers grow and succeed. VMA are made up of companies that range in size from one employee to over 500. If you are interested in joining the Volusia Manufacturers Association, please visit <u>http://www.vmaonline.com</u>.

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