



TeCMEN Charter

The Technology Coast Manufacturing and Engineering Network, TeCMEN, was established by the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, Florida in 1989 to be the premier business advocate for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) industries. TeCMEN provides opportunities for innovative collaboration and advanced technical expertise locally, regionally, and in the competitive global marketplace.

VISION

To be the premier business advocate for STEM industries in the tri-county area providing opportunities for skills advancement, innovative collaboration, diversification and commercialization in a competitive global economy.

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote sustainment, growth and advancement within the technology-based business community through the association, collaboration, and contract teaming of its science, technology, engineering and math businesses, industry clusters and workforce development partners.

OBJECTIVES

- Upgrade incumbent employee training and skill sets
- Foster formal and informal mentor-protégé relationships
- Represent member interests in legislative and regulatory matters
- Present opportunities for
 - Collaboration
 - Commercialization
 - Diversification
 - Technology Transfer
 - Innovation
 - Marketing

TeCMEN Leadership

As an EDC committee, TeCMEN is led by a volunteer chairman that is supported by the EDC's TeCMEN manager and vice-chairman. The chairman and vice-chair each serve one-year terms and are selected by the TeCMEN Steering Group in conjunction with the EDC's fiscal year rotation. The TeCMEN manager is responsible for the efficient operation of the committee and will utilize the TeCMEN Steering Group as the leadership working group. The steering group consists of five identified members:

1. TeCMEN Chairman
2. TeCMEN Vice Chairman
3. EDC Executive Director
4. EDC Appointed Staff Member
5. EDC TeCMEN Manager

Steering Group Duties

The objective of the Steering Group is to provide a leadership assistance role for the committee and offer subject matter expertise in the decision-making and planning processes. This includes, but is not limited to, approval of nominated chairman and vice-chairman candidates.

Committee Membership

TeCMEN Primary Member Criteria		
Current EDC Member at the Corporate Level	AND	√ Technology Company and/or √ Manufacturing Company and/or √ Engineering Company

The TeCMEN member company president, CEO or designated representatives meet monthly to discuss business opportunities. These monthly forums allow member companies to remain aware of local business opportunities as they pertain to the objectives of the TeCMEN Committee.

TeCMEN Support Partners Criteria		
Current EDC Member at the Corporate Level	AND	√ Educational Institution and/or √ Workforce Development and/or √ Staffing Agency and/or √ Non-Profit entity with a primary mission of STEM education/outreach

UWF TeCMEN Training Initiative

Improving proficiency in employee skill levels will elevate the talent of our workforce and increase the value and competitiveness of our region's products and services. The University of West Florida conducts annual business needs assessments of TeCMEN members to obtain detailed insight to the current and future training needs of the area's business leaders. Responses are utilized to develop specific training/certificate programs for TeCMEN members.

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