



## TeCMEN Charter

The Technology Coast Manufacturing and Engineering Network, TeCMEN, was established by the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, Florida (DBA One Okaloosa) 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 the STEM industries ecosystem 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 STEM-based business community and ecosystem through the association, collaboration, and contract teaming of its science, technology, engineering and math businesses, industry clusters and workforce development partners.

### **OBJECTIVES**

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

## **TeCMEN Leadership**

As a One Okaloosa EDC committee, TeCMEN is led by a volunteer chairman that is supported by the EDC's TeCMEN manager and vice-chairman, if applicable. The Chairman and vice-chair maintain a one-year volunteer leadership role coinciding with One Okaloosa's October 1 – September 30 fiscal year and are selected by the TeCMEN Steering Group. 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:

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

# Steering Group Duties

The objective of the Steering Group is to provide a leadership assistance role and to 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.

# Membership Criteria

TeCMEN Member Criteria	
Current Okaloosa Members at the Corporate Level (or higher) <i>and</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technology Company, and/or</li> <li>- Manufacturing Company, and/or</li> <li>- Engineering Company, and/or</li> <li>- Education / Workforce Development Partner</li> </ul>

The TeCMEN member company president, CEO or designated representative has a seat at the meeting table to discuss business opportunities. The member company primary contact may designate a secondary representative.

## MEETING GUIDELINES

The TeCMEN membership generally meets once per month. In terms of meeting content, a priority is placed on company capabilities presentations, workforce-related reports and value-added information from key local and state leaders. Throughout the year opportunities will be available for applicable guest participations. A guest may attend a complementary meeting as an introduction to the network benefits.

# 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. Recognizing the value of continued career growth, TeCMEN partners with educational entities and other related partners in its commitment to facilitate and champion training programs as an effective way to identify and provide on-going skills advancement.

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