



Cape Coral: A Magnet for Advanced Manufacturing

Dec. 22, 2017 — Cape Coral, Florida, boasts a thriving advanced manufacturing environment, which includes the production of electronics, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, optical instruments, and ecological and solar technologies, among others. The Cape Coral metro area ranks as the fastest-growing in the nation—for both population and job expansion—and this waterfront city offers a ready workforce, a low cost of doing business and room for expansion.

Large Workforce



S4J Manufacturing employees use precision machinery to produce custom pieces, primarily for the medical industry.

Cape Coral-based S4J Manufacturing Services, Inc., got its start in precision machining in 1965 and has become one of the nation's top three manufacturers of Luer lock connectors, mini quick connects and adapters for the biomedical field. The company has grown steadily since relocating to Cape Coral in 1999, with more than 1,000 customers worldwide.

“The beautiful thing about being a manufacturer in Cape Coral is that there’s a huge pool of potential employees who live in the Cape,” says S4J Manufacturing CEO Doug Guyre.

Cost-effective Location

Canada-based Keltour Controls Inc.—a global control panel manufacturer and system integrator—opened its U.S. manufacturing operations in Cape Coral in February 2017 and is already planning its expansion. Keltour US Inc. Owners Gary, David and Cristine Jakob have all vacationed in the city and “decided it made fiscal sense to have their U.S. location in Cape Coral,” says manager John Partridge. The company mass produces or creates custom components

for a wide range of businesses that use automation, from water treatment plants to the automotive, movie and audio industries. The Cape Coral staff works collaboratively with the Canadian engineers, software designers—whatever their needs. “It’s like we are a startup with a big brother—we have all of the Canadian resources available to us,” says Partridge. “In the few months we have been in business in Cape Coral, we have attracted a substantial number of new customers, which has influenced us to open a new, larger facility.”



Keltour US opened its manufacturing facility in Cape Coral in February of this year, with plans to expand early in 2018.

Room to Expand

Ecological Laboratories is on the forefront of national trends in sustainability: cleaning up environmental damage, improving water and soil quality, and increasing traditional and hydroponic agricultural yields—without chemical toxins. Responding to growing demands, Ecological Labs recently undertook the sixth expansion of its Cape Coral research, manufacturing and distribution facility to 78,000 square feet.

“We are truly protecting our environment by offering solutions that benefit everyone. We are doing our part to better the world,” says Ecological Laboratories Inventory Control Coordinator Matthew Richter.

Find out more about the city’s demographics, available sites and incentives for relocating your advanced manufacturing operation to Cape Coral.

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