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Mobile job-training unit visits Capitol

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The Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership showcased its state-of-the-art Mobile Outreach Skills Training unit Tuesday at the Capitol.

Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, House Speaker Larry Cretul, R-Ocala, and state Rep. Ellyn Bogdanoff, R-Fort Lauderdale, toured the onsite job-training unit to observe demonstrations of the training equipment and lessons.

"With Florida's unemployment rate at 10.7 percent, we must be diligent in developing innovative programs to ensure displaced Floridians are trained and placed back into the labor force," said Florida

MEP Board Chair Gene Lussier.

"The MOST program accomplishes this by partnering with work force boards and local employers to identify available opportunities."

MOST participants receive practical skills, theory and hands-on training using computer-based 3D simulations and self-paced course modules.

About 95 percent of program participants are immediately placed in full-time jobs with benefits following graduation.

For more on Florida MEP or the MOST unit, visit www.floridamep.org or www.timewise-most.com.



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Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, state Rep. Ellyn Bogdanoff, R-Fort Lauderdale, and House Speaker Larry Cretul talk Tuesday aboard the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership bus.