



Life Science Industry

Florida's Life Science Infrastructure

We have a winning combination of location, talent and training infrastructure, located right in the Florida Research Triangle.

Research Parks

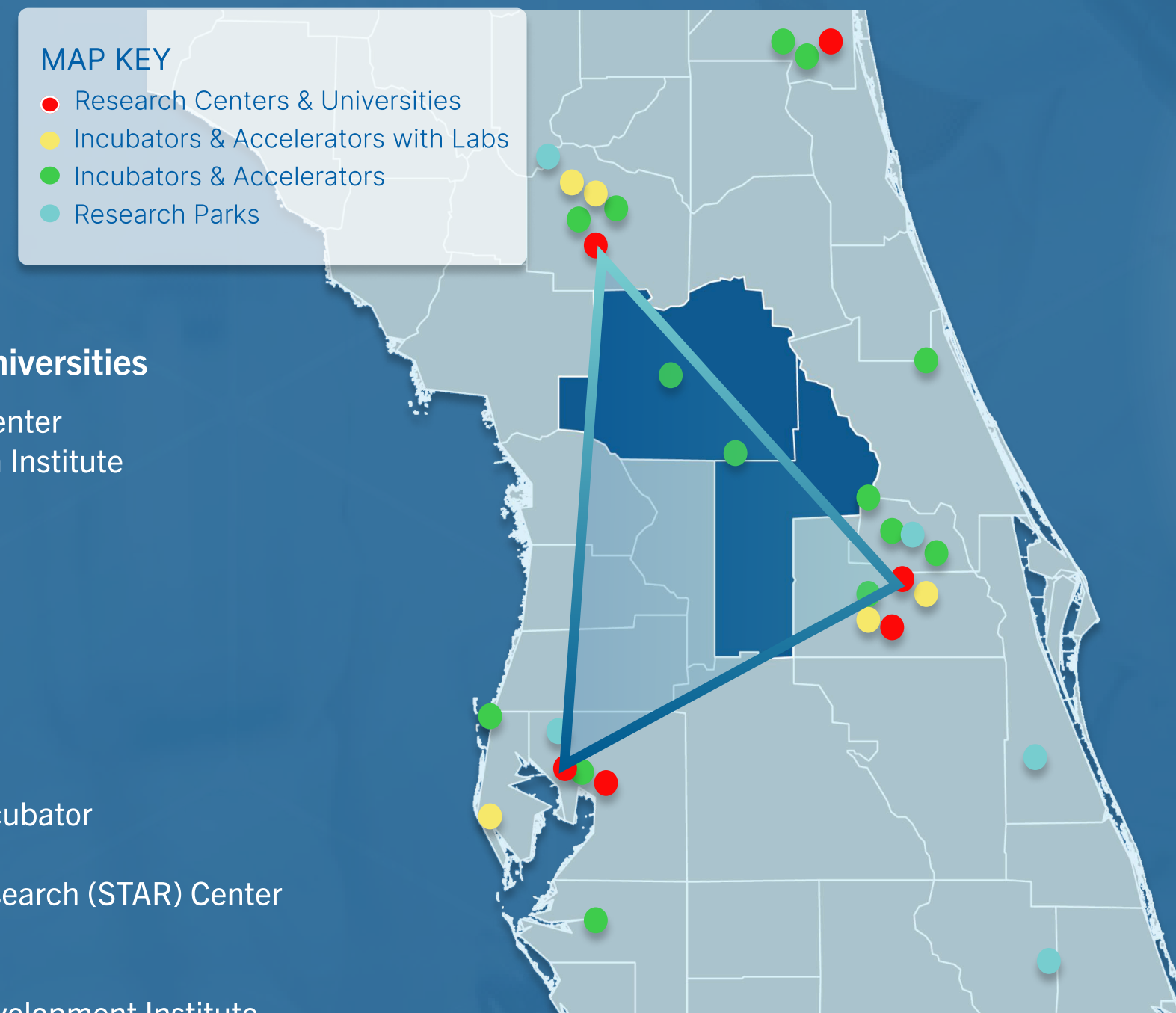
- Central Florida Research Park
- Progress Park
- Treasure Coast Research Park
- USF Research Park
- Florida Tech Institute Research Park
- Lake Nona Medical City
- Rinehart Medical Corridor
- Wellness Way Corridor

Life Science Research Centers & Universities

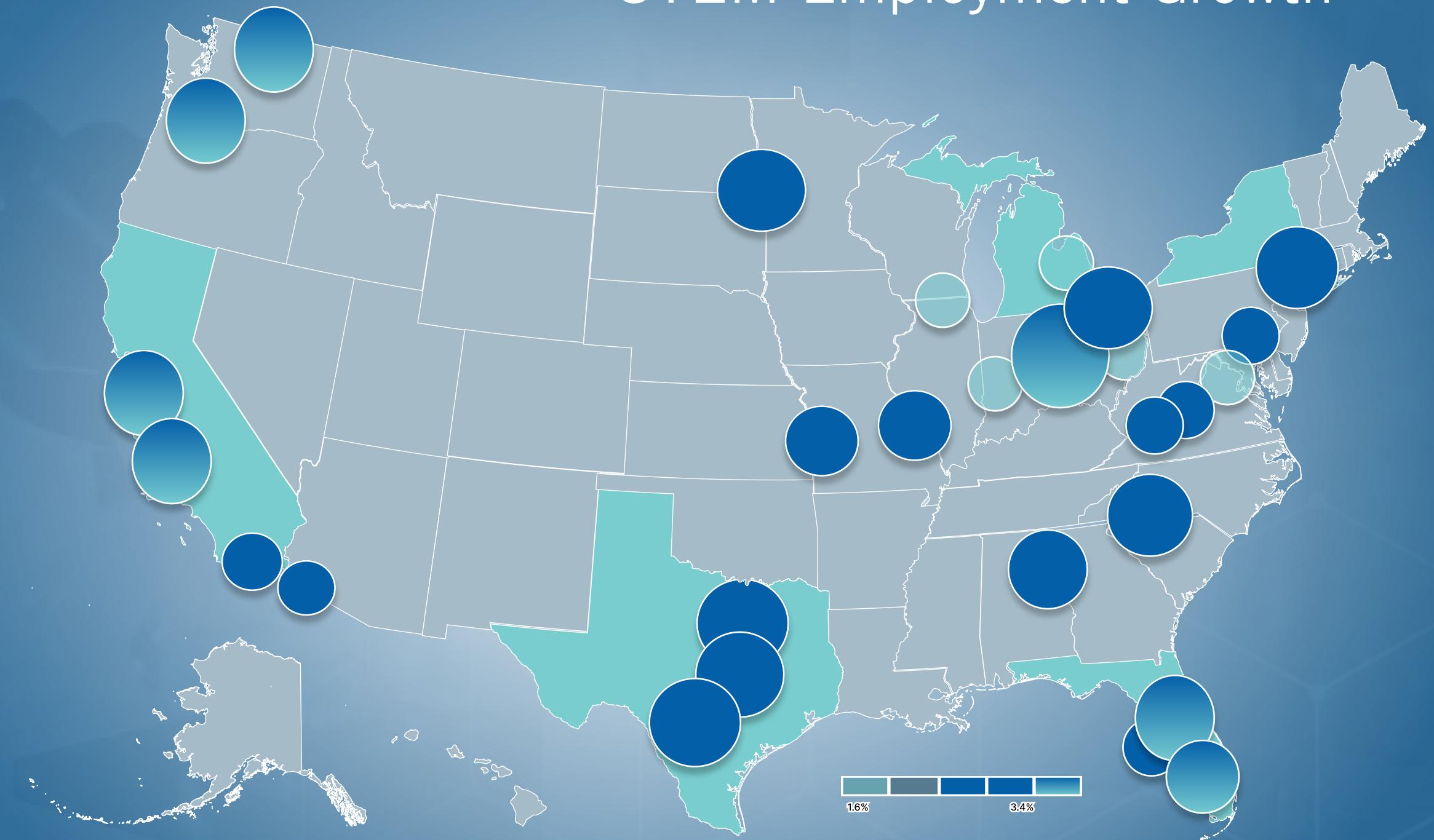
- University of Florida Academic Health Center
- H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute
- University of South Florida
- Mayo Clinic Jacksonville
- University of Central Florida

Incubator & Accelerators

- UF Innovate: The Hub
- UF Innovate: Sid Martin Research Park, Orlando
- USF Connect/Tampa Bay Technology Incubator
- Guidewell Innovation Center
- Young-Rainey Science Technology & Research (STAR) Center
- Mayo Clinic Innovation Exchange
- Tampa Bay Innovation Center
- Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Development Institute
- Southwest Florida Enterprise Center
- Tech Hub South Florida
- Venture Hive
- Cambridge Innovation Center
- Florida-Israel Business Accelerator
- FAU Tech Runway
- *Florida High Tech Corridor*



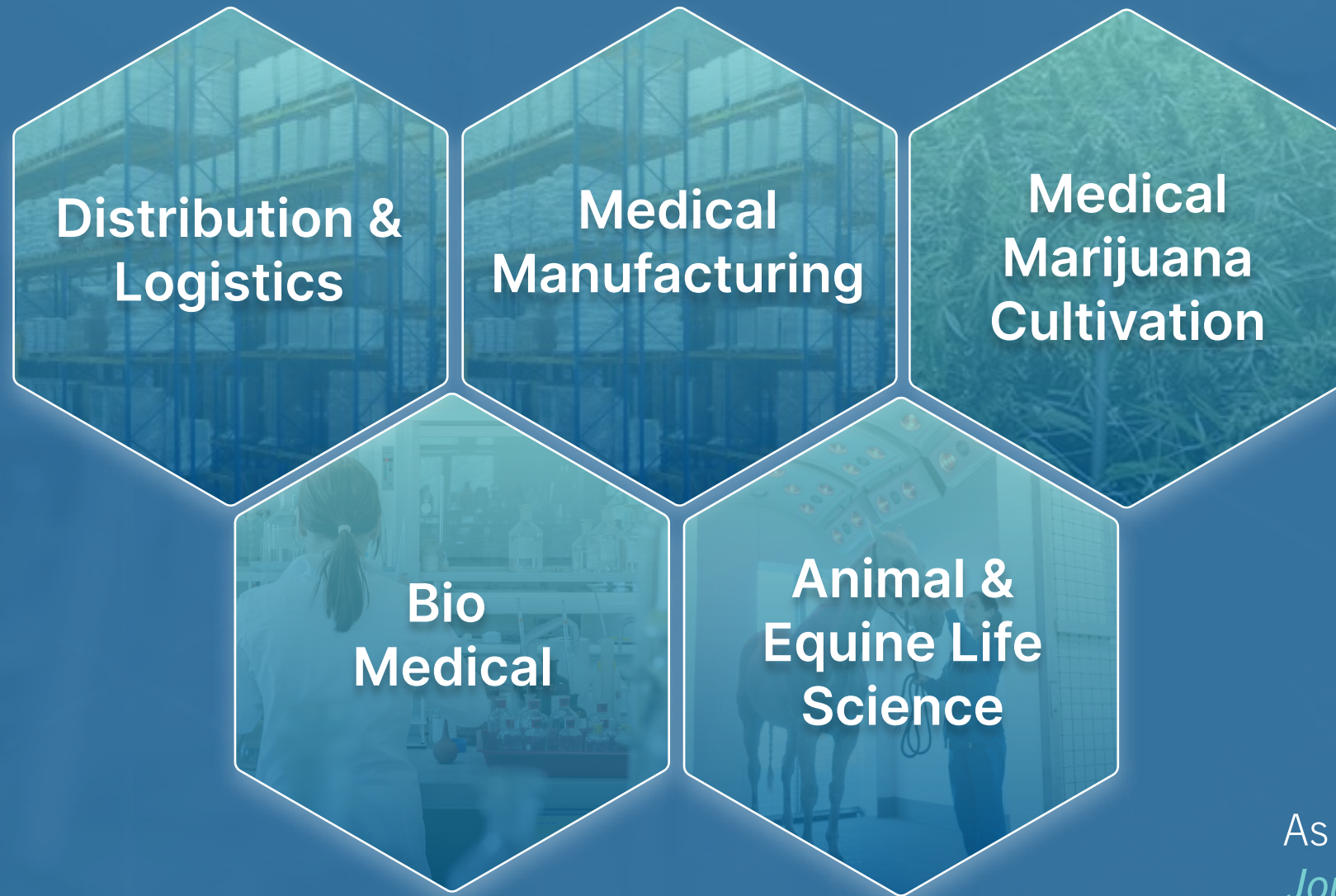
STEM Employment Growth



FLORIDA
ranked **#1** in the nation for higher
education for seven straight years &
#3 For STEM Job Grow in the USA

The Crossroads of Life Science Innovation

INDUSTRY FOCUS



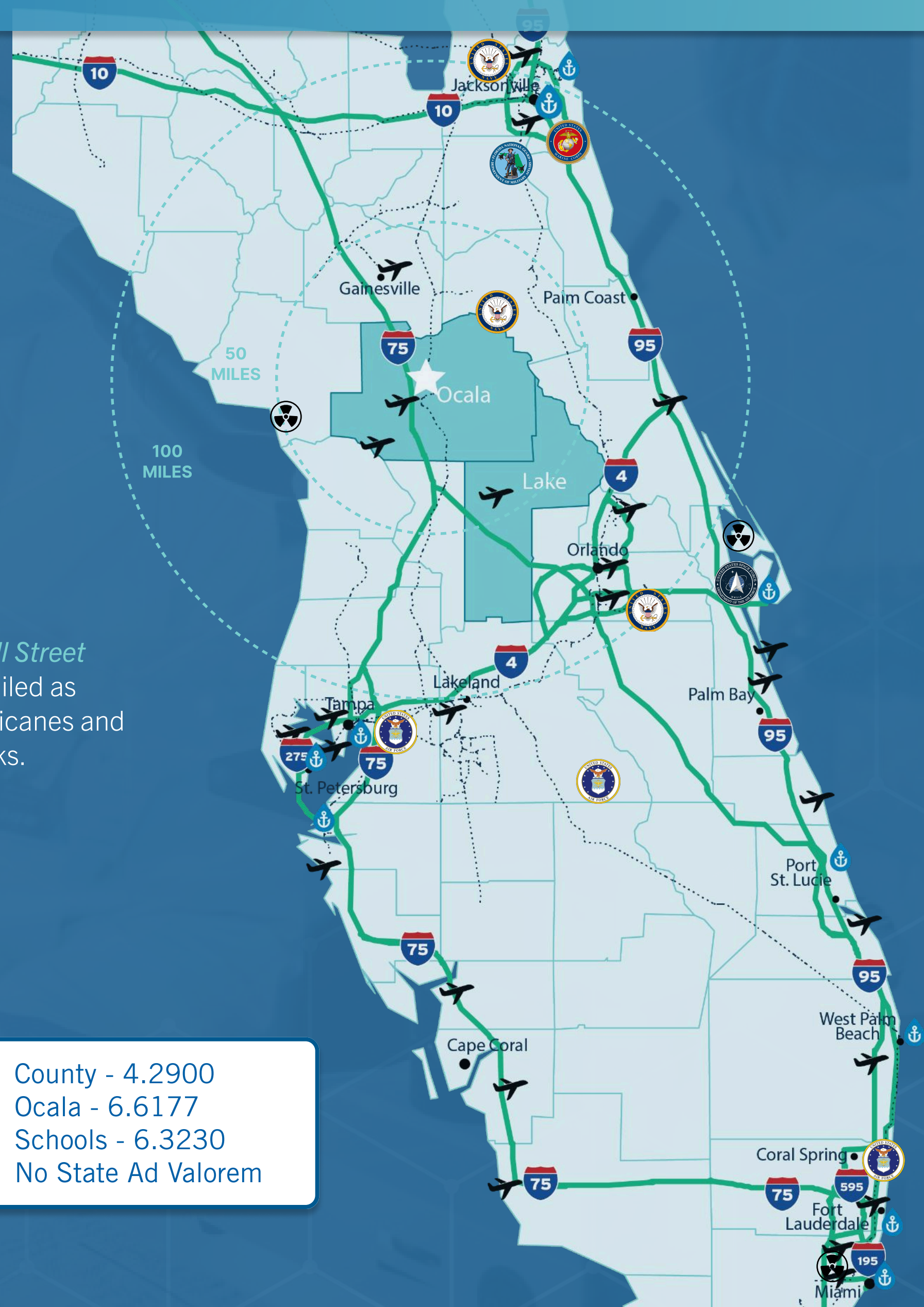
BUSINESS CLIMATE

SALES TAX | NO LOCAL SALES TAX
 MARION: 6% of non-exempt sales amount.
 1.5% Local Sales Tax. Total sales tax 7.5%

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AD VALOREM | County - 4.2900
 Ocala - 6.6177
 Schools - 6.3230
 No State Ad Valorem

As reported in the *Wall Street Journal*, Ocala was hailed as “a Safe Haven” from hurricanes and other climate risks.



20 Commercial Service Airports

13 Spaceport Facilities

15 Deepwater Seaports

2,700+ Miles of Rail Tracks

120,000+ Miles of Roadway

3 Nuclear Power Plants

DRIVE TIMES

Interstate 75	4 min
Florida Turnpike	25 min
Interstate 4	1.25 hrs
Interstate 95	1.5 hrs

AIRPORTS

Ocala International	15 min
Marion County Airport	35 min
Gainesville Regional	1 hour
Daytona International	1 hr 30 min
Orlando International	1 hr 40 min
Orlando Sanford International	1 hr 50 min
Jacksonville International	2 hours
Tampa International	2 hours

PORT FACILITIES

JAXPORT	2 hours
Port of Tampa	2 hours
Port Manatee	2 hours 20 mins
Port Everglade	4 hours 30 mins
Port of Miami	5 hours 15 mins

Our Education Profile

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

- **STEM Programs**

2 Middle Schools **1,253** Enrolled
7 High Schools **1,447** Enrolled

- **Industry Certifications**

HOSA Training & Shadowing
Certified Nursing Assisting (CNA)
Certified Electrocardiograph Technician (CET)
Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)
Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGES

- **College of Central Florida**

1,600 enrolled annually in STEM
A.S Degrees
Rapid Prototyping Certificate
Equine Program
Robotics Program
Agribusiness Management Program

- **Rasmussen University**
- **Marion Technical College**
- **Lake Sumter State College**
- **Taylor College**
- **Lake Technical College**
- **Beacon College**

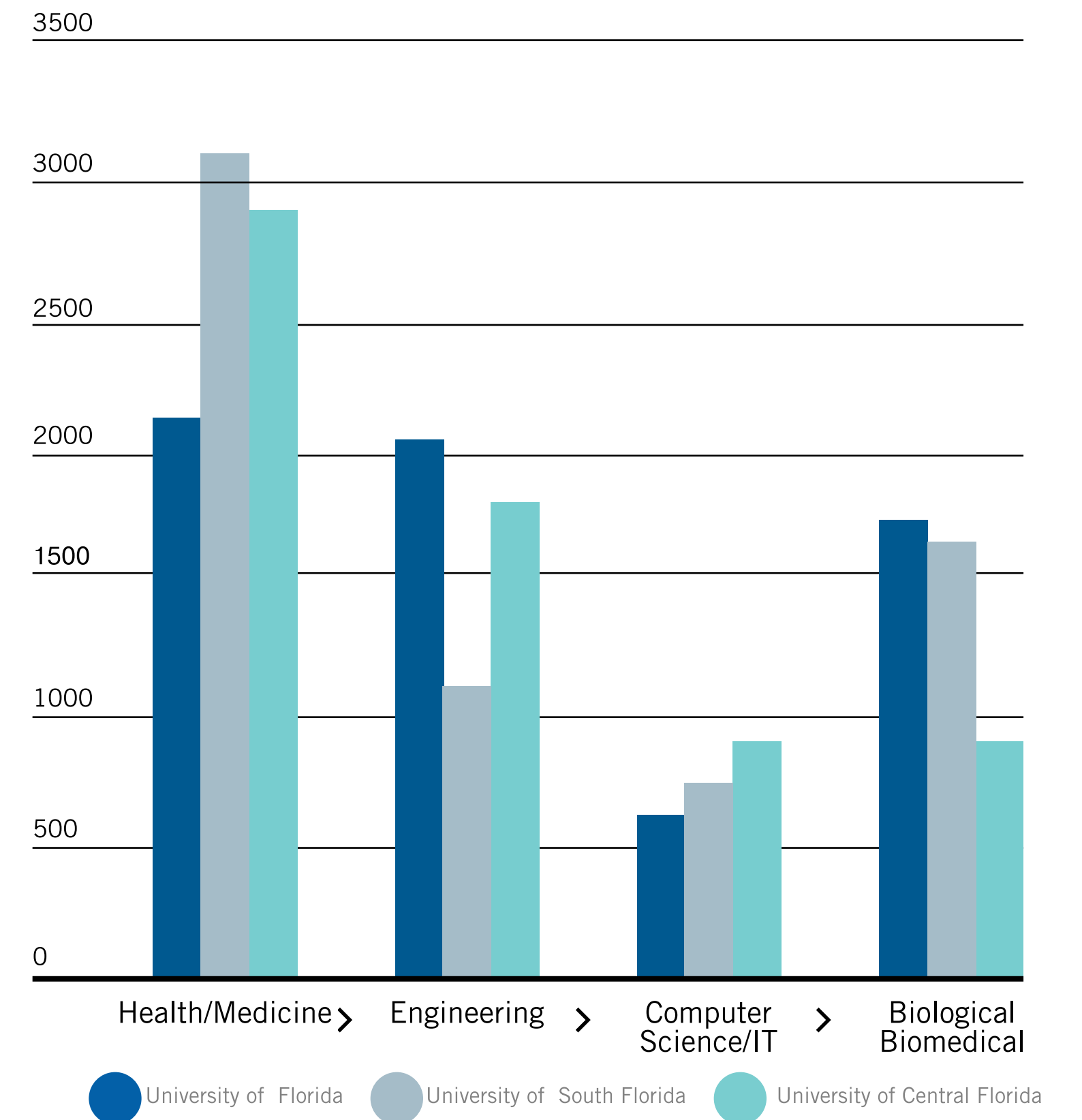
UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE POST GRADUATE

- Located in Research Hubs

Alachua/Gainesville
Tampa
Orlando

- **Florida Polytechnic University**
- **University Of Florida**
Equine Science Program
Biological/biomedical - 1,709
- **University of Central Florida**
8 Residency & Fellowship programs
2 Locations
- **University of South Florida**

Talent Pipeline Annual Awards



FLORIDA INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN & MACHINE COGNITION

AI, Machine Learning and Computational Science: IHMC pioneered the field of human-centered computing and has long been a leader in AI and related fields.

Robotics and Exoskeletons: a particular focus on bipedal robotics and exoskeletons- from robots that assist first responders, search and rescue, and bomb disposal, to exoskeletons that aid those with lower-limb paralysis and degenerative diseases. IHMC has an international reputation for excellence in this area.

Health span, Resilience and Performance: This collaborative area of scientific investigation aims to provide a biological and physiological blueprint to help elite military members, athletes. The research results will also improve life for those with neurodegenerative diseases, musculoskeletal diseases, traumatic injuries, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, and even cancer.

Marion County Florida, USA

#1 Most Affordable Metro in Florida

Employment and Labor Force

	Marion County Annual Wages per Employee	Lake County Annual Wages per Employee	Florida Annual Wages
Total Primary Jobs			
Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	\$42,423	\$48,294	\$91,553
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$69,579	\$76,175	\$107,833
Utilities	\$92,620	\$74,903	\$60,818
Construction	\$55,819	\$68,255	\$76,721
Manufacturing	\$58,856	\$59,059	\$99,189
Wholesale Trade	\$67,679	\$61,250	\$42,290
Retail Trade	\$40,498	\$38,938	\$59,755
Transportation and Warehousing	\$46,389	\$49,348	\$108,686
Information	\$79,155	\$94,356	\$116,277
Finance and Insurance	\$73,702	\$75,821	\$67,703
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$47,929	\$42,493	\$99,887
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$68,289	\$82,635	\$137,836
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$80,897	\$79,031	\$51,243
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	\$41,536	\$44,939	\$54,992
Educational Services	\$38,691	\$44,015	\$65,973
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$62,101	\$56,280	\$49,724
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$31,953	\$24,734	\$32,138
Accommodation and Food Services	\$24,985	\$25,288	\$43,587
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	\$39,665	\$42,041	\$73,431
Unclassified	\$43,170	\$44,766	\$68,855
Total Annual Wages	\$48,831	\$48,986	\$64,456

Ocala's Cost of Living is

16.2%

Less than the US Average
and 2nd Lowest in the State.



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12-County Laborshed

Using JobsEQ®, we can precisely define the regional laborshed, which includes a 12-county area across Central Florida. This laborshed analysis provides a more detailed and accurate understanding of the workforce available in our region.

\$62,152
LABORSHED

\$66,213
FLORIDA

\$72,609
USA

**BEST
PLACES**

U.S. News
& WORLD REPORT

TO LIVE

#1

Fastest
Growing
Metro

#10

Safest Place
to Live

#16

Best Place
to Retire



What Sets Us Apart?

Covetrus is a global animal-health technology and services company dedicated to empowering veterinary practice partners to drive improved health and financial outcomes. Recently Announced the opening of a new state-of-the-art distribution center in Ocala, that will provide veterinarians with access to more than 5,000 product offerings used to manage vet practices and treat large and small animals.



The Ocala Metro boast a large cluster of Medical Marijuana cultivation sites and dispensaries. Jungle Boys has invested over **\$10+ Million** & created **100 jobs** in the last 3 years. Green Thumb Industries (GTI) has a capital investment of **\$30 Million** and has created **55 jobs**.

A **40,000 square foot** world-class facility offering state-of-the-art veterinary care and advanced diagnostics, research and treatment for competitors and companion animals.



The medical services and manufacturing industry trusts R+L Global Logistics as a knowledgeable and reliable partner for their transportation and logistics needs. They can do the same for you! Benefit from seamless full truckload, dry van, intermodal, temperature-controlled, flatbed, warehousing, and Mexico transborder services, alongside comprehensive importing and customs clearance solutions.

\$6 Million Dollar Capital Investment with **75 jobs** created. Injection Molding, Engineering, Phototyping, Assembly, In House Tooling. Secondary Operations include Annealing, Hot Stamping, Pad Printing, Solvent Bonding, Ultrasonic Cleaning & Welding, Ultraviolet Bonding



Our Education Profile



CF's Vintage Farm Campus is a 103 acre farm that provides experiential agricultural and animal life science education utilizing practical, hands-on training. CF's Associate in Science programs in Equine Studies and Agribusiness and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management Agribusiness and Equine Studies specializations are all offered classes at Vintage Farm.

Degrees and Certificates include:

- Basics of Agribusiness, A.T.C.
- Equine Industry Management, A.T.C.
- Equine Exercise Physiology Specialization, A.S.
- Equine Business Management Specialization, A.S.
- Agribusiness Management, A.S.
- B.A.S in Business and Organizational Management
- Agribusiness Specialization
- Equine Studies
- Equine Technician, C.C.C.
- Equine Assistant Management, C.C.C.
- Livestock Production Management, C.C.C.

The College of Central Florida (CF) is set to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of advanced manufacturing with a \$5M grant from The Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program (CAP Grant). This funding will establish a Center for Advanced Manufacturing at the Ocala campus, marking a significant stride in aligning education with the high-demand fields of Advanced Manufacturing, Medical Device Manufacturing, and Additive Manufacturing.



Located in the World Equestrian Center Ocala, the 40,000 square foot world-class facility offers state-of-the-art veterinary care and advanced diagnostics, research and treatment for competitors and companion animals. Operated by The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine.



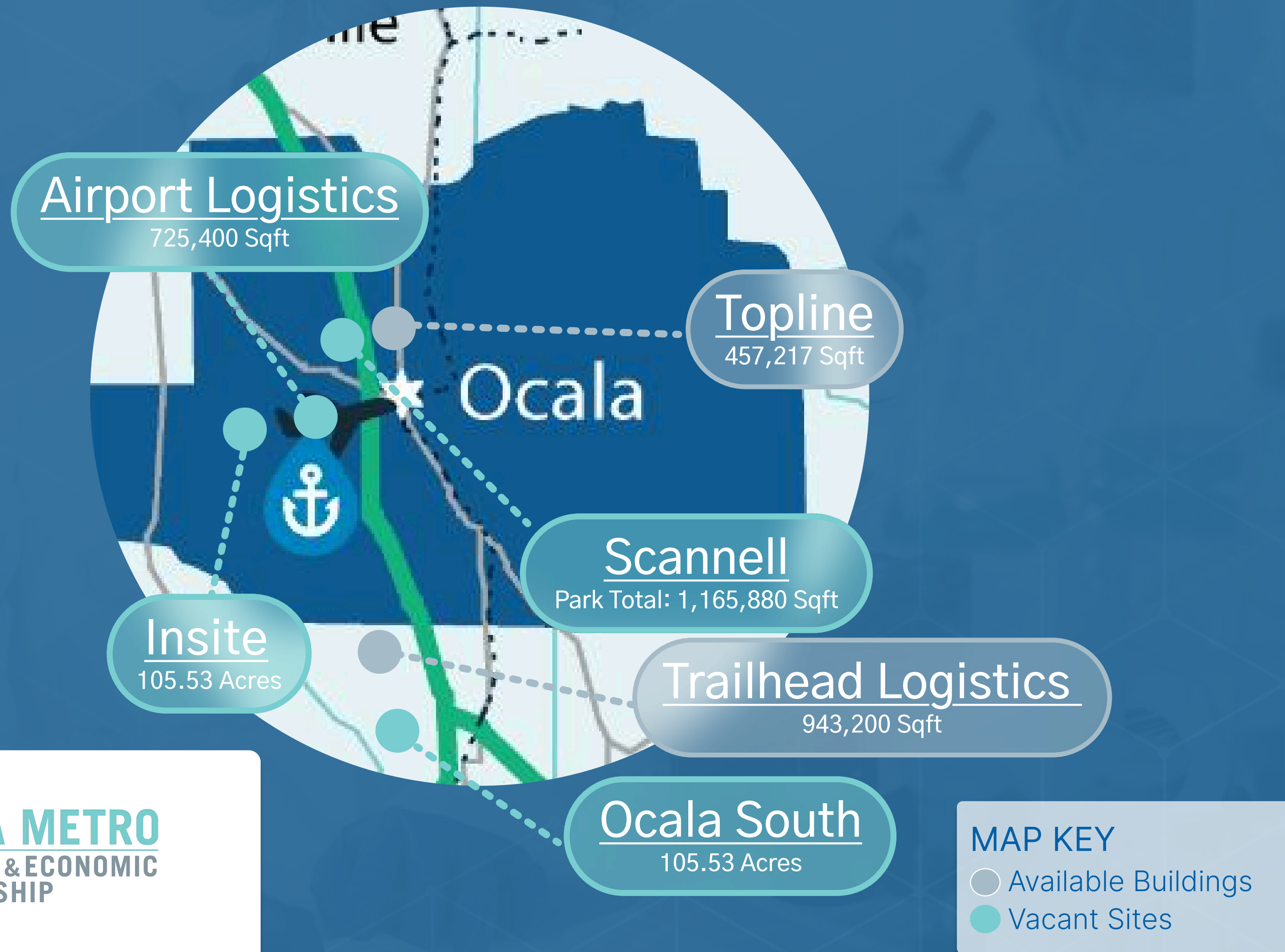
Biotechnician Assistant Credential (BACE)
Bioscience Educator Professional Development & District Certification
Industrial Biotechnology Teacher Experience (IBTE)
Industry Certificate Short Courses including:

- Cleanrooms & Gowning
- CGMP for Biopharmaceutical Drug Products
- Equipment Qualification

The Florida High Tech Corridor is a force multiplier for innovation.

Nonprofit initiative of the three research universities established in 1996, the Florida High Tech Corridor expands the capacity for innovation in a 23-county region. The Corridor works with partners to expand the capacity of high tech, innovation and the regional talent pipeline to advance innovation, grow the economy and improve lives of people in the communities we serve and beyond.

Available Sites



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CHAMBER & ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP

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