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University of North Florida to be Education Sponsor at Florida Supply Chain Summit on Sept. 9-11

Academic, Industry, Government and Professional Experts to Cover How the State Makes, Moves and Trades Goods

MIAMI (August 19, 2024) – The University of North Florida in Jacksonville will be the education sponsor for the 5th Florida Supply Chain Summit, where leaders from government, industry and academia will showcase the latest in manufacturing, trade and logistics.



Scheduled for Sept. 9-11, the event will be held on alternate days at PortMiami's world-famous Cruise Terminal D and [Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay](#).

Top talent from manufacturing, trade and logistics will discuss industry trends and the state's myriad business opportunities—many linked to the nation's supply chain.

Sessions will cover news from Florida's top five deepwater ports, prospects within the state's cruise industry, how Florida continues to emerge as a hub for business in space, and why artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming supply chains – an evolution the university is studying.

"As a leading provider of talent for the supply chain industry, the University of North Florida is pleased to be the education sponsor for this summit, bringing together industry leaders from across the state and around the world," said UNF President Moez Limayem. "Florida plays a critical role in our international supply chain, and we are delighted to help further strengthen this industry through important forums like this one."



Quant CEO Deb Friar will host a panel of top technology minds to discuss how artificial intelligence (AI) is streamlining – and transforming – Florida's supply chain using machine learning, deep learning and other AI technologies.

[The summit's program](#) will include Rogue Valley Microdevices Founder and CEO Jessica Gomez, the first woman in the U.S. to lead a company supported by the CHIPS Act. The act, signed by President Joe Biden in 2022, aims to help rebuild the nation's semiconductor industry.

The Crowley Center for Transportation and Logistics at UNF is considered among the nation's top programs because of support from area companies and professionals, a new high-tech lab at UNF, and Jacksonville's location on the Atlantic Ocean and at the junction of I-95 and I-10 – two of the nation's longest and most important interstates.

The Intermodal Association of North America (IANA) awarded the UNF Transportation and Logistics Flagship Program an unrestricted annual gift of \$50,000 guaranteed for three years. UNF is one of only seven universities to achieve this distinction.

"We are proud of our strong relationship with industry professionals who are helping us develop the next generation of supply chain leaders," Limayem said.

About the Florida Supply Chain Summit

The Florida Supply Chain Summit will occur Sept. 9-11, 2024 at Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay, 1633 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, Fla; and at PortMiami, Cruise Terminal D, 1435 North Cruise Blvd., Miami, Fla. It is the fifth time, after a hiatus due to the pandemic, the summit has been held after launching in 2019. Its vision is to facilitate and strengthen partnerships in the trade and logistics industry by providing opportunities to network, address industry issues, and share knowledge about critical issues. The event, co-sponsored by PortMiami and the University of North Florida, also seeks to highlight emerging trends, technological innovations and workforce development best practices.

Go to the summit's website to [view the program](#).

About Attending the Florida Supply Chain Summit

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Registration fees to attend. [Register here](#).

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