



## TeCMEN Charter

The EDC is committed to retaining and expanding its manufacturing and engineering related industries, excelling them in the competitive global marketplace, and maintaining a technologically skilled workforce to support continual growth. The EDC established TeCMEN in 1988 as part of its commitment to the success of these efforts and to a prospering Okaloosa County.

### VISION

To be the premier business advocate for STEM industries in the tri-county area providing opportunities for skills advancement, innovative collaboration, diversification and commercialization in a competitive global economy.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Promote sustainment, growth and advancement within the technology-based business community through the association, collaboration, and contract teaming of its science, technology, engineering and math, STEM, industry clusters and workforce development partners.

### OBJECTIVES

- Upgrade incumbent employee training and skill sets
- Foster formal and informal mentor-protégé relationships
- Represent member interests in legislative and regulatory matters
- Present opportunities for
  - Collaboration
  - Commercialization
  - Diversification
  - Technology Transfer
  - Innovations
  - Marketing

## TeCMEN Leadership

As an EDC committee, TeCMEN is led by a presidential nominated chairman that is supported by the EDC's TeCMEN manager. The chairman maintains a two-year volunteer leadership role. The 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 five identified members:

1. TeCMEN Chairman
2. TeCMEN Past Chairman
3. EDC President
4. EDC Appointed Staff Member
5. EDC TeCMEN Manager

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## Steering Group Duties

The objective of the steering group is to provide a leadership assistance role for the committee and offer subject matter expertise in the decision-making process. This includes, but is not limited to, nominating chairman candidates, overseeing the selection and acceptance process for committee members, and pre-approving any meeting guests.

## Committee Membership

| TeCMEN Member Criteria                    |     |  |
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| Current EDC Member at the Corporate Level | AND | √ Technology Company and/or<br>√ Manufacturing Company and/or<br>√ Engineering Company |

The TeCMEN member company president, CEO or designated representatives meet monthly to discuss business opportunities. These monthly forums allow member companies to remain aware of local business opportunities as they pertain to the objectives of the TeCMEN Committee. Throughout the year there are opportunities for guest participation events with the TeCMEN support services group.

## Support Services Group

The support services group consists of EDC member companies that provide services or products that could potentially benefit TeCMEN members in a vertical relationship. By invitation, this forum meets with the TeCMEN members on an as-needed basis to share service information.

Example Industries can Include

- Education
- Consulting
- Banking
- Wealth Management Advisors

## 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. The EDC conducts annual business needs assessments to obtain detailed insight to the current and future training needs of the area's business leaders. Recognizing the value of continued career growth, the EDC partners with educational entities and the Workforce Development Board in its commitment to provide an incumbent worker training program as an effective way to identify and provide on-going skills advancement.

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