

## **New Apprenticeship Program Builds South Florida's Manufacturing Future**

June 24, 2010 – Tamarac, FL - In an attempt to promote manufacturing in America, Sonny's Enterprises Inc., as well as several other member companies of the South Florida Manufacturing Association, have created a state approved apprenticeship program. The program provides both training and opportunity to aspiring young machinists.

"Sonny's vision is to leverage technology and training to make car washing easy with a product designed and built in the U.S.A." states Paul Fazio, C.E.O. of Sonny's Enterprise, Inc. "It only makes sense that we take an active part in making sure that we have a talented and skilled pool of technical professionals to keep us on top of our industry. By working with the South Florida Manufacturers Association's apprenticeship program, and actually having some of these apprentices in our operation right now, we are assuring them of long-term career and ourselves of long term productivity."

The program works with local High Schools to recruit interested applicants who are given both classroom and on-the-job training. Apprentices are paid an initial wage which rises at scheduled intervals of the four year program. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and high school graduates. New applicants are reviewed every two months.

### **About SONNY'S Enterprises**

With full tunnel systems in each of the 50 United States, and equipment in countries worldwide, SONNY'S equipment delivers millions of clean, dry, shiny cars each year, around the globe. The company founder, Sonny Fazio, built his first full-serve car wash in 1949. Today, SONNY'S is a recognized industry leader, awarded as such by the International Car Wash Association. Further building upon the company's commitment to make car washing easy for its clients, SONNY'S is the parent to five distinct divisions; Auto Pilot Car Wash Control Systems, CarWash College, BayWash In-Bay Automatic Car Wash Systems, SONNY'S Car Wash Parts Division, and of course SONNY'S The Car Wash Factory, the largest manufacturer of conveyorized car wash equipment, parts, and supplies in the world.

### **About SFMA (South Florida Manufacturers Association)**

A non-profit trade association, the mission of the SFMA (South Florida Manufacturers Association) has remained constant through out its history - *to promote the growth and economic well being of the regions manufacturers by acting as a unified force, representing common interests and providing needed benefits and services.*