



# SUCCESS

EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

## AIR FORCE AGREEMENT Provides Educational Opportunities to Local Community

### COMPANY NAME:

Emerald Coast  
Science Center  
Fort Walton Beach,  
FL

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Munitions  
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**EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Florida** — The Air Force Research Laboratory Munitions Directorate recently established an Educational Partnership Agreement with the Emerald Coast Science Center. ECSC is a facility that seeks to inspire and grow a scientifically engaged community to promote the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in the future workforce at all levels of education.

This partnership will enable the application of professional expertise and knowledge from AFRL scientists and engineers through mentorships, educational outreach programs and volunteer opportunities. AFRL will also assist with creating a program for students to receive academic credit for their assistance with defense laboratory research projects.



*Peggy Milz of BAE Systems speaks to STEM professionals and students at the “Women in Science Conference,” the first partnership event for AFRL Munitions and ECSC on October 13, 2016. (Photo courtesy of Beth Hanning, Doolittle Institute)*

Additionally, ECSC will be able to utilize unused or excess laboratory equipment for student enrichment and educational purposes.

“Our partnership with AFRL allows us to bring real-world STEM-related issues to the general public,” said Diane Fraser, ECSC’s executive director. “This will help us shape our educational programs to focus on the needs of the workforce. The Science Center is looking forward to working with AFRL and the rich educational opportunities this partnership will provide to students of all ages.”

This collaboration directly supports the Air Force goal of promoting STEM education by connecting AFRL experts with the local community, teachers and students by offering enriched programs with the expertise provided through this partnership.

“For STEM education to flourish, AFRL needs to rely on every partner we can,” said Brian Mitchell, the AFRL Munitions Directorate’s STEM outreach coordinator, “ECSC is rapidly becoming the focal point for STEM in Northwest Florida and I can’t think of a better organization to partner with.”

The AFRL Munitions Directorate is located at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and ECSC is located in nearby Fort Walton Beach.

For additional information about the Air Force Technology Transfer Program or how to partner with the Air Force, please contact the Air Force T2 Office at 937-904-9830, [af.techtransfer@us.af.mil](mailto:af.techtransfer@us.af.mil), or visit the T2 website at [www.wpafb.af.mil/t2](http://www.wpafb.af.mil/t2).

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