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Commissioner Starkey Attends White House Workforce Update

~~President Trump will update local leaders on his “Pledge to America’s Workers”~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- [Pasco County Commissioner Kathryn Starkey](#) has been invited to the White House Wednesday, October 31, 2018 to take part in a discussion about helping the American workforce succeed in the modern economy. Commissioner Starkey is one of eight state and local officials from around the country who will be joining corporate leaders for an update from President Trump on his “Pledge to America’s Workers.”



“It’s important to bring manufacturing jobs back to America,” said Commissioner Starkey. “Not everyone needs a college degree to have a successful career. As a longtime advocate of dual education and apprenticeship, I am honored to attend this discussion and update on training our workforce for high-demand opportunities.”

In July, President Trump signed an Executive Order to establish the [National Council for the American Worker](#). The Council is charged with developing a national strategy for training and retraining the workers needed across high-demand industries. To achieve this goal, companies and trade groups were asked to sign a new “Pledge to America’s Workers.” By signing on, they are committed to creating new opportunities for American students and workers through apprenticeships and work-based learning, continuing education, on-the-job training and reskilling.

Commissioner Starkey, District 3, [was appointed this year](#) to the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee (IGPAC). The IGPAC is a trade advisory committee that provides general policy advice and guidance to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on issues involving trade and development that have a significant relationship to the affairs of the U.S. state and local governments. Starkey also serves as chair of the International Economic Development Task Force for the National Association of Counties (NACo).

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