

# Hundreds of temporary construction workers needed to build Duke Energy's natural gas plant in Citrus County, Florida

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- **May 24 job fair will help find skilled workers**
- **Hiring gradual in 2016 with peak employment expected in 2017**

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. – The land is cleared. Heavy equipment is arriving. Workers are mobilizing, and more will be needed. Construction is underway for Duke Energy's [new combined-cycle natural gas plant](#) in Citrus County.

Duke Energy's engineering, procurement and construction contractor, Fluor, is expected to start hiring 600 to 700 temporary construction workers gradually in spring 2016 with peak employment expected in 2017.

Hosted by CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, Fluor will participate in a job fair on May 24, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fluor anticipates hiring a variety of skilled labor, including equipment operators, iron workers, welders, pipe fitters, concrete pourers and electricians.

"We are pleased to work with Duke Energy's prime contractor, Fluor, as they prepare to build the natural gas plant in Citrus County," said Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource. "They offer an excellent opportunity for the citizens of Citrus County to be employed by a major economic and energy project in our area."

Built on 400 acres near the existing Crystal River Energy Complex, the new plant will supply 1,640 megawatts of cleaner-burning energy to help serve Florida's approximately 1.7 million customers in 2018. The project is among the largest under construction in the industry and one of the most important projects for Duke Energy.

The new plant will replace generation from plant retirements, including two 1960s-era coal-fired units, use highly-efficient technology and benefit the local economy and tax base.

"The project will have an area economic benefit of more than \$600 million," said Alex Glenn, Duke Energy Florida's state president. "We have been a vital part of Citrus County for 50 years. We are committed to hiring local workers and suppliers when possible and continuing to contribute to the success and vitality of our local community."

## Job fair details

- When: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Where: College of Central Florida Citrus County campus (3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto)

- Details: About two dozen employers plan to participate in the job fair. Prior to attending, job seekers are encouraged to register with Employ Florida at [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com). The event is free, but professional dress is required. [Job Fair Preparation Tips](#), including dress policy and most frequently asked job interview questions, are also available at [www.careersourceclm.com](http://www.careersourceclm.com).
- Contacts: **352.249.3278, ext. 3206, or 800.434.JOBS, ext. 3206.**

For more information about the Citrus project, go to [www.duke-energy.com/CitrusNaturalGas](http://www.duke-energy.com/CitrusNaturalGas) or [watch this video](#). To apply for a craft position with Fluor, go to [www.fluorcraft.com](http://www.fluorcraft.com) or call Fluor's craft recruiting line at 888.782.3363.

### **CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion**

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is the local, business-led nonprofit that connects employers with qualified, skilled talent and job seekers with employment and career development opportunities. Last year, CareerSource CLM provided fee-free services to nearly 40,000 job seekers and more than 3,600 employers throughout the three-county area. CareerSource CLM operates four career centers including a center at 683 S. Adolph Point in Lecanto.

### **Fluor**

[Fluor Corporation](#) (NYSE: FLR) is a global engineering, procurement, fabrication, construction and maintenance company that designs, builds and maintains capital-efficient facilities for its clients on six continents. For more than a century, Fluor has served its clients by delivering innovative and integrated solutions across the globe. With headquarters in Irving, Texas, Fluor ranks 136 on the *FORTUNE 500* list with revenue of \$18.1 billion in 2015 and has more than 60,000 employees worldwide. For more information, visit [fluor.com](http://fluor.com) or follow the company on Twitter [@FluorCorp](#).

Fluor has been a Duke Energy contractor for more than 40 years. In addition to the combined-cycle natural gas plant project in Citrus County, Fluor was awarded the engineering, procurement and construction contract for the new W.S. Lee combined-cycle natural gas plant in S.C. In the early 1980s, Fluor also constructed Crystal River coal-fired units 4 and 5.

### **Duke Energy Florida**

Duke Energy Florida owns coal-fired and natural gas generation providing about 9,100 megawatts of owned electric capacity to approximately 1.7 million customers in a 13,000-square-mile service area.

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