



MEDIA ALERT

LIGHTHOUSE WORKS DEVELOPS INNOVATIVE TOOL TO HELP VISUALLY IMPAIRED EMPLOYEES PERFORM WORK FOR THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

Tool Makes Project Inclusive for Persons with All Visual Capabilities, Increases Production by 300% and Reduces Defect Rate

WHAT: Starting on May 6, [Lighthouse Works](#) employees, most of whom are blind or visually impaired, will begin work processing 5,000 decompression needles for the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) "Combat Life Saver Kits," which are filled with items so critical that at least one soldier in every squad carries it. To make it an inclusive opportunity for all Lighthouse Works employees regardless of their vision, the organization developed a proprietary and innovative tool using wood and a 3D printer – the tool also improves production by 300% and reduces defect rate from 10% to less than 1%.

Employees will be applying medical markings on a very specific location of the needle and will be responsible for meeting strict shelf-life requirements for sterile products.

WHEN: **Thursday, May 6**
Friday, May 7
Monday, May 10
Tuesday, May 11
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day

WHERE: Lighthouse Works
2500 Kunze Ave.
Orlando, Fla. 32806

**VISUALS/
INTERVIEWS:**

- Kyle Johnson, president and CEO for Lighthouse Central Florida
- Ramzy Spencer, operations manager for Lighthouse Works
- Lighthouse Works supply chain employees applying medical markings on hundreds of decompression needles

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ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE WORKS

Lighthouse Works is a social enterprise non-profit providing quality solutions to businesses and government agencies. Since 2011, Lighthouse Works is the reliable and trusted partner for the type of jobs that have to be done right every time – allowing businesses the ability to scale resources while managing costs and meeting deadlines. Lighthouse Works solutions ensure consistency and continuity of materials and services, and the quality of work and high customer satisfaction rate is due to its high performing, dedicated employees, many of whom are visually impaired and blind. Lighthouse Works impacts the community through its social responsibility efforts and helps many blind and visually impaired individuals throughout Central Florida enhance personal independence and maintain self-sustainable lives. To learn more about Lighthouse Works and its business solutions, visit LighthouseWorks.org.

ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE CENTRAL FLORIDA

Since 1976, Lighthouse Central Florida has provided education, independent life skills, and job training and placement to more than 100,000 people with sight impairment and their families. The organization is Central Florida's only nationally accredited nonprofit offering a comprehensive range of vision-specific rehabilitation services in Central Florida. Lighthouse ensures that individuals of all backgrounds have the tools they need to lead productive, independent lives, while pursuing their dreams and goals without limitations. For more information, visit LighthouseCFL.org.

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