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Sun Hydraulics, a Helios Technologies Operating Company, Named a 2026 Florida Manufacturer Employer of Choice for a Third Year

SARASOTA, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Helios Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: HLIO) ("Helios" or the "Company"), a global leader in highly engineered motion control and electronic controls technology, today announced its operating company, Sun Hydraulics ("Sun"), has been selected as a 2026 Florida Manufacturer Employer of Choice by FloridaMakes, marking the third year it has received this recognition. The award was presented at the 2026 Manufacturing Workforce Awards Dinner on October 14, 2026, in Orlando, Florida.

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"Sun Hydraulics earning this recognition for a third time tells us our culture is lasting," said Rick Martich, President Hydraulics, Motion Control Technology. "Our team members are the reason we keep raising the bar. They take ownership, keep learning, and work together to deliver for our customers and our community. We're proud of this, and we know the work doesn't stop here."

Building on last year's insights
After last year's Employer of Choice assessment, Sun used the report's findings on employee engagement, leadership, benefits, and culture to guide tangible improvements. Since then, the team has developed local apprenticeship programs that help employees build new skills and pursue internal career opportunities, launched the Shared Values Recognition program to celebrate colleagues' contributions and commitment to the Company's values throughout the year, and expanded its employee and family events, from a night at the ballpark with the Bradenton Marauders, the Pittsburgh Pirates' minor league affiliate, to the upcoming Halloween Trunk-or-Treat celebrations. Taking part in the assessment again this year gives Sun a way to measure its current programs against Florida's top manufacturing employers and find the next opportunities to improve.

Rooted in Florida manufacturing
Over its 56-year history in Sarasota, Sun has been part of the region's manufacturing community and today works closely with FloridaMakes and the Sarasota-Manatee Area

Manufacturers Association (SAMA). These partnerships continue to support workforce training, help develop the region's talent pipeline, and strengthen the competitiveness of Florida's manufacturing sector.

Sun remains focused on investing in its people, advancing innovation, and supporting the continued growth of Florida's manufacturing community.

For more information about the Employer of Choice program, please visit www.FloridaMakes.com/eoc. For more information on open roles across the Helios family of operating companies, please visit the careers page.

About Sun Hydraulics
Founded in 1970, Sun Hydraulics is a leading designer and manufacturer of high-performance screw-in hydraulic cartridge valves and manifolds that control force, speed, and motion as integral components in fluid power systems. As a global operating company, Sun Hydraulics has continually enhanced its manufacturing capabilities and technological advancements, all while prioritizing the accustomed quality that customers around the world have come to expect. For more information please visit: www.sunhydraulics.com and follow us on LinkedIn.

About Helios Technologies
Helios Technologies is a global leader in highly engineered motion control and electronic controls technology, providing premium products that ensure safety, reliability, and seamless connectivity to diverse end markets including agriculture, construction, data centers, energy, health and wellness, industrial, marine, material handling, and recreational vehicles. Helios sells its products to customers in over 80 countries around the world. Its strategy is to be a diversified, customer-centric global enterprise distinguished by innovation, operational speed, and a high-performance culture. The Company has paid a cash dividend to its shareholders every quarter since becoming a public company in 1997. For more information please visit: www.heliostechnologies.com and follow us on LinkedIn.

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