



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Office of Supplier Diversity

## Business Spotlight Edition

In this edition, the USF Office of Supplier Diversity is pleased to feature some of our local Tampa Bay area diverse owned businesses. Join us today by supporting our local business community. If you would like for us to feature your business, learn how in the "Submit Your Business Feature" section below.

### Kay's Kitchen



Kay's Kitchen has made some major adjustments so that we can continue to operate after closing the restaurant for 3 weeks. We've added a custom made pickup window at our location. Previously we were a dine-in and carry-out restaurant. We recently reopened on Saturday, April 4, 2020, ALL of my customers were definitely waiting to show their support of Kay's Kitchen. In fact one of my customers forwarded an email to me stating the USF Office of Supplier Diversity wanted to hear from small businesses on how they changed their operations due to COVID-19.

Kay's Kitchen is a Chicago Style Fried Chicken & Fish Restaurant with the Authentic Chicago Style Mild Sauce Too! We have Outstanding Reviews on Yelp, Google &

Facebook. Every order is made fresh to order.

Mrs. Kay Lee, Owner

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Wed-Sat 11-9 pm & Sun 12-6 pm

CLOSED: Mondays & Tuesdays

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## Tampa T-Shirts



When the schools closed and events started cancelling we knew we were in trouble. 95 percent of our orders cancelled and the new deals we were working on suddenly evaporated. We are strong, we have been in business over 30 years and have faced adversity and survived economic recessions before, but not like this. Our company prints T-shirts for events, we provide t-shirts to schools and restaurants. We have totally changed...

We have experience in manufacturing so we are re tooling part of our facility to make cloth face masks. We are even able to print a company logo or message on them. We have already received orders and we are still piecing together the manufacturing details.

By doing this, not only will we be able to keep the company afloat and our employees working!

Juan A. Davis

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ability to deliver the latest in cutting edge technologies to our local and state government agencies solidifies our past performance in the Government space.

Recently, thanks to COVID-19 the world has closed, and our commercial customers can no longer afford our services. We had to change our strategy to focus our efforts more towards government procurement for IT products and medical equipment to our local communities and first responders. Its new, but this pressure has forced us to think more creatively, expanding our views to recognize to more opportunities and diversifying our revenue streams creating a stronger business foundation.

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## Submit Your Business Feature

If you are a business owner and are interested in being spotlighted on our newsletter and who has successfully changed your business strategy or pivoted your business model because of restrictions imposed by the government due to the COVID-19 crisis, we want to hear from you. Please reply to this email with the information below if you would like to share your experiences.

Please submit the following:

- A photo of you or your employees doing business
- The name of your company
- Contact person, Title
- Phone number
- Email address
- In 750 words or less describe your business and how you have changed your business strategy due to COVID-19

**\*\*Please note** that as the editor of the publication we maintain the right select which submission will be published and to edit the content prior to publication; we will notify the business owner prior to the publication being disseminated.

# INAUGURAL TAMPA BAY SUPPLIER DIVERSITY DAY VENDOR FAIR

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