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The Alliance E-Newsletter
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Top Stories

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Alliance CEO Council Hosts Top National Site Selection Consultants, Real Estate Executives and Media Leaders

The Alliance CEO Council, along with community leaders and Alliance staff hosted 22 site selection consultants, corporate real estate executives and national/international media and opinion leaders for the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show from October 25 – 28 at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66. The event included three evening receptions starting with an opening reception at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Panorama Ballroom, a wonderful Friday evening reception at the home of Wayne & Marti Huizenga, and ending with Saturday evening's closing reception at the new NSU Oceanographic Center.

To a person, each attendee mentioned how warm and friendly they were treated, and how much they enjoyed the opportunity to meet local business and government leaders in a relaxed, casual setting. Below are some of the comments from the participants:

- "Please accept my appreciation for inviting me to one of the most impactful site selection visits I've attended. The event in all aspects exceeded all expectations. I have begun to reflect on the weekend and to align potential clients. It is a primary goal to inform clients of the many business and other advantages Ft. Lauderdale has to offer."
- "Robin, a belated response and thanks to you, Peggy and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance for a thoroughly enjoyable and informative weekend in Broward County. The non-sales promotion program you organized provided me and the group with a solid understanding of the development activity of the Alliance and CEO Council for our client projects. The tour of Nova Southeastern Ocean Institute was great and showcased one of the region's excellent

technology assets.”

- “Robin, thanks so much for your very kind hospitality during the trip. I was blown away by the magnitude and rich beauty of it all!! I had a tremendous time, and I am grateful for you inviting me to participate.”
- “Robin, Bob - Just a short note to say “Thank You” for such a wonderful time. Your kindness and generosity were overwhelming. If your mission was to showcase Fort Lauderdale and demonstrate the wonderful support you have from the business community, you have accomplished that and more. You exceeded all expectations. The little bit of time spent with you in short conversations allowed personalized facts that demonstrated what a solid and world class city you have.”

iCare Expands in Fort Lauderdale

iCare.com LLC (iCare), a privately held company in the healthcare IT industry has announced that they will be hiring 30 new employees over the next three years as they expand in Fort Lauderdale. The company is widely recognized as being an innovator in cloud Electronic Health Record (EHR) solutions.

Located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, iCare has leased 16,000 square feet of office space on East Las Olas Blvd., and plans to offer its products and services nationally. Demand is driven largely by The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act which seeks to improve American health care delivery and patient care through an unprecedented investment in health information technology. Company representatives noted the increase in capacity better positions the company to serve this vastly growing market. The new employees will have an average salary of \$63,509 which is 150% of the average private sector wage in Florida.

“iCare’s Enterprise Cloud EHR is helping hospitals become more efficient, productive, and effective by replacing the antiquated installed software model in which hospitals, clinics and other healthcare organizations spend millions of dollars on hardware, software, installation, maintenance and security to maintain and operate patient health records and back office operations,” said Jim Riley, CEO at iCare. “Our cloud based platform allows healthcare delivery organizations to realize 30-50% cost savings compared to traditional installed systems.”

The City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida’s Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance worked together on the project. The state and local incentives from Florida and the City of Fort Lauderdale total \$120,000 through the “Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) Tax Refund program.” They will be allocated over a six year period. As part of the incentives structure, \$24,000 was awarded by the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Governor Rick Scott said, “Florida is a magnet for innovators and job creators, and iCare’s expansion in Fort Lauderdale means more jobs for Florida families. This expansion is another sign of Florida’s success in growing jobs, and though we know our work isn’t done – Florida is clearly on the right path.”

The Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Jack Seiler noted, “The City welcomes the expansion of iCare, a world-class high technology company serving healthcare facilities with innovative electronic health record solutions. We are extremely proud to have iCare headquartered in Fort Lauderdale and we will do our best to continue to be a strong business development partner.”

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance President and CEO Bob Swindell said, “We are very pleased to have assisted in iCare’s expansion project and that the company chose to expand in Fort Lauderdale. Their innovative, cloud based platform is a complement to the fast growing and converging technology and healthcare industries in Broward County. We look forward to celebrating their continued growth and success in the years to come.”

For more information, visit www.icare.com or call 954-616-5604.

Business Facilities Names Greater Fort Lauderdale an “Editor’s Locations of Choice”

Jack Rogers, Editor in Chief of Business Facilities Magazine, has once again chosen Greater Fort Lauderdale and the Alliance/CEO Council as a “winner”, adding to our honor earlier this year as the inaugural winner of the Economic Development Achievement in Public-Private Partnership award.

In his online First Word: Take Your Pick column, Jack states “If you’re as tired as we are of the doubletalk from candidates

and mixed signals from clueless refs, we encourage you to curl up with our annual Editor's Location Picks. We've taken care to mine the economic development landscape for some sparkling gems that have earned a place in our yearly showcase. As always, it was much harder winnowing the field of worthy locations than it was singing their praises on our pages."

The article's lead in includes the following statement: "The time has come for Business Facilities to once again shine our economic development spotlight on locations that have caught our eye during the year and impressed us with the scope of their efforts. As always, the task of winnowing the field to those who deserve special attention and picking the cream of the crop was tougher than singing the praises of our showcase selections. This year's Location's Picks are a diverse group of communities which have successfully planted their flag on the battlefield for new growth sectors. The locations we have chosen present a bevy of forward-thinking programs that deserve a closer look." To read entire story, please [click here](#).

Broward County Mayor Delivers 2012 State of the County Address

Outgoing Broward County Mayor John E. Rodstrom, Jr., described the state of the County as "strong" in the recent 2012 State of the County Address. He noted that the "economic" engines of the County such as Port Everglades, the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and the tourism industry are "advancing, exceeding expectations and in some cases leading the state in growth."

"Our AAA credit rating surpasses that of the federal government. We've managed to balance a \$3.5 billion budget that will finance unprecedented capital projects and will provide jobs for years to come and increase our tax rolls. We didn't do it by raising taxes...or taking the easy way out," said Mayor Rodstrom.

Rodstrom said that unemployment in Broward County has fallen to 7.5 percent as opposed to one year ago when it was at 9.3 percent. He also cited the numerous construction projects the County has embarked on this year.

"The \$791 million airport runway expansion is estimated to contribute \$1 million per day to the local economy. At the peak of construction, it will be generating an estimated 11,000 jobs," said Rodstrom. Construction and an increase in business at Port Everglades will provide nearly 16,000 jobs in the long term. He said construction is also underway this year for a new Broward County Courthouse. Rodstrom said that tourist tax revenues increased 10 percent over the past year and are now back to peak levels experienced in 2008.

"It is now up to this Commission to carry on the successes of the past. We ride the crest of greatness....in our ability to define our County and the vision we hold for the future," said Rodstrom. To read entire story, please [click here](#).

Broward County Launches New ePermit Website and Electronic Processing

It's now easier than ever to do business with Broward County through the new ePermits Website, a centralized source of online information on permits, licenses and approvals. Contractors, businesses, design professionals and residents can visit broward.org/epermits to identify their project type and obtain information on required permits.

ePermits features a database of more than 100 online environmental, building, engineering and water and wastewater services permit applications. The Development and Environmental Review Approval is the first ePermit option available that will go exclusively electronic as of January 2013. Customers are able to access their Development and Environmental Review application anytime, upload design plans and receive electronic approvals, ultimately saving time and money.

In the future, ePermits will enable users to apply for and obtain permits, licenses and approvals online from anywhere using a new web-based application. To read entire story, please [click here](#).

Governor Rick Scott Appoints Bob Swindell to Board of Pilot Commissioners

Governor Rick Scott has announced the appointment of Bob Swindell, President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, to the State of Florida's Board of Pilot Commissioners. Previously, Bob served on the Board of Pilot Commissioners and the Pilotage Rate Review Board. Currently, he is also the board chairman of the Enterprise Development Corporation, and is on the board of directors of the South Florida Technology Alliance and the Florida Economic Development Council. He is also a member of the Stakeholders Council of Enterprise Florida and a member of the Workforce One Board of Directors. Bob succeeds Anthony J. Clemente and is appointed for a term beginning

November 7, 2012, and ending October 31, 2014.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Governor Scott Announces Six Additional Colleges, including Broward College, Accepting “Governor’s \$10,000 Degree Challenge”

Governor Rick Scott was recently joined by a number of college leaders from across the state to announce that six additional colleges have accepted the “Governor’s \$10,000 Degree Challenge,” including Valencia College, Santa Fe College, College of Central Florida, Daytona State College, Seminole State College of Florida and Broward College. Earlier in the day, the Governor announced the challenge and that St. Petersburg College was the first to agree to create a \$10,000 degree program.

Governor Scott said, “I am issuing a challenge to our state colleges to find innovative ways to offer a bachelor's degree at a cost of just \$10,000 in fields that will provide graduates with a great opportunity for employment. As a former community college student myself, I know how important it is for us to keep costs low while increasing skills training and career readiness for students. Working with the Florida Legislature, this \$10,000 degree challenge will undoubtedly jumpstart the dreams of many Floridians. We are excited to see a total of seven Florida colleges already stepping up to the plate to enter the challenge and support the future of Florida families – and I’m hopeful even more colleges will step up to meet the challenge.”

At the press conference, the Governor was joined by Dr. Sanford C. Shugart, President of Valencia College; Dr. Jackson N. Sasser, President of Santa Fe College; Sheriff of Alachua County Sadie Darnell, a business partner of Santa Fe College coordinating a \$10,000 degree in public safety; Dr. James Henningsen, President of College of Central Florida; Dr. Carol Eaton, President of Daytona State College; Dr. E. Ann McGee, President of Seminole State College of Florida; and Florida College System Chancellor Randy Hanna on behalf of Broward College.

David Armstrong, President, Broward College, said, “At Broward College we are challenging ourselves to be innovative and cutting edge in an effort to make the educational journey for our students the best one possible. The development of a \$10,000 college degree is a challenge we embrace. By allowing a quality education to be affordable, we further increase the chances of students succeeding and thus allowing them to become positive, contributing members of our community.”

Sean Guerin, Chair of Broward College, said, “We are all aware of the financial challenges our nation has faced in the last several years and how that has impacted our student population. This year, our Board voted to keep tuition rates flat, making us one of the lowest cost colleges in the country – forgoing the increased revenue because we wanted to give our students and their families a financial break. The creation of a degree program that would cost \$10,000 or less is another example of an innovative concept that would surely be embraced by college staff and by the District Board of Trustees. I am happy to see our state and Broward College moving in this direction.”

Bob Swindell, President and CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, said, “At the Alliance, a leading economic development agency, we know that higher education, advanced training and a strong workforce are all factors that lead to a robust Florida economy. More than ever, colleges play a critical role in training students to enter the workplace, providing a foundation for a high quality of life, while building a skilled workforce for today and tomorrow. I applaud the State of Florida for looking at innovative ways to make college more affordable, including the introduction of a \$10,000 bachelor's degree. I support this type of effort and believe many of my colleagues do as well, as it will certainly turn out more qualified workers, making for a more vibrant workplace and economy.”

Nicholas D. Evangelisti, Student, Broward College, said, “For many, the choice of whether or not someone is able to go to college simply comes down to cost. Unfortunately, as tuition rises at many colleges and universities across the nation, the dream of obtaining a bachelor’s degree becomes less of a reality for many. I truly appreciate the State of Florida looking at new and innovative ways to lower tuition. The concept of a \$10,000 bachelor’s degree is exciting, to say the least, and I truly believe there are many, like myself, who would be motivated to explore such an exciting path. This could potentially open the door of opportunity to so many yearning for this kind of chance. Thank you to the State of Florida and the college system for looking at new ways to make a college degree more affordable.”

To read entire story, please [click here](#).

Broward College to Offer New Bachelor's Degree in Supply Chain Management

The State Board of Education has approved a proposal by Broward College to offer a new Bachelor of Science (BAS) degree in Supply Chain Management. It is expected that the first cohort of students will enroll in the program in January 2013.

"The college demonstrated a strong unmet employment need in an emerging field in Florida and gained support from regional postsecondary institutions and industry for this program," said Broward College President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

The BAS degree in Supply Chain Management prepares students with the knowledge related to the major concepts, principles, and techniques associated with supply chain management in the global economy. Activities typically include inbound and outbound transportation management, fleet management, warehousing, materials handling, order fulfillment, logistics network design, inventory management, supply/demand planning, and management of third party logistics services providers. Graduates of this program will be prepared for employment in the air, rail, water, and truck transportation fields.

This BAS is a 120-credit hour, two-plus-two degree program in which students will complete 64 hours of lower division courses, and 56 credit hours in upper division (41 upper division credits, 15 general education credits). The program will be offered in a full-time cohort, 16-month degree program. A part-time schedule of 9-10 credit hours per semester will also be available. For AA graduates, two paths are established for transition into upper division coursework. The cost to the student for this degree is about \$13,000, which is significantly lower than the cost for similar programs at neighboring state and private universities. Because there were no graduates in the field of Logistics and Materials Management from the State University System or from a nonpublic university in his geographic area, this BAS will help to meet the employment gap for job openings in the coming years.

BlackBerry 10 Receives FIPS Security Certification Ahead of Launch

Alliance Corporate Council member Research In Motion announced that the BlackBerry® 10 platform is now FIPS 140-2 certified. The certification will enable government agencies to deploy BlackBerry® 10 smartphones and BlackBerry® Enterprise Service 10, RIM's new mobile enterprise management solution, from the day of launch. This is the first time BlackBerry products have been FIPS certified ahead of launch.

FIPS (Federal Information Processing Standard) certification provides confidence to security-conscious organizations, including U.S. and Canadian government agencies, companies in regulated industries and other organizations dealing with sensitive information, that data stored on smartphones running BlackBerry 10 can be properly secured and encrypted.

"Achieving FIPS 140-2 certification means that BlackBerry 10 is ready to meet the strict security requirements of government agencies and enterprises at launch," said Michael K. Brown, Vice President, Security Product Management and Research at RIM. "What differentiates BlackBerry is that it integrates end-to-end security, and includes certified encryption algorithms for data at rest and data in transit. No other mobile solution has achieved the level of security accreditation that the BlackBerry solution has."

FIPS 140 is issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to coordinate the requirements and standards for certifying cryptographic modules. The standard was developed through the Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP), which certifies products for use by U.S. government agencies and regulated industries that collect, store, transfer, share and disseminate sensitive information. Product certifications under the CMVP are performed in accordance with the requirements of FIPS 140-2. It is supported by the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) for the Canadian government.

To read entire story, please [click here](#).

TSA Pre✓™ is coming to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Mid-December 2012

TSA Pre✓™ allows select frequent flyers of participating airlines and members of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Trusted Traveler programs to receive expedited screening benefits during domestic travel. Eligible participants use dedicated screening lanes for screening benefits which include leaving on shoes, light outerwear and belts, as well as leaving laptops and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in carry-on bags.

Beginning in mid-December, the program will become available in Terminal 2 for select Delta travelers. For more information on the program please visit www.tsa.gov.

Education, Workforce Development and Educational Excellence Builds Business (E²B²)

Broward County Public Schools Selected as Finalist for \$400 Million Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Education announced The School Board of Broward County (Broward County Public Schools) as one of 61 applications selected as finalists for the Race to the Top-District (RTTT-D) competition. The program funding would allow districts to personalize education for students and provide school leaders and teachers with key tools that support them to meet students' needs.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) submitted a proposal to implement the Personalized Learning for Equity of Outcomes (PLEO) project to bridge traditional learning methods with 21st Century learning methods for 12 middle schools. The District's learning approach will be framed around six critical attributes including: (1) planning for personalized learning; (2) performance-based learning; (3) authentic student voice; (4) comprehensive system of supports; (5) world class knowledge and skills, and (6) anytime, everywhere opportunities for learning. In addition, students will also learn essential social and emotional skills, as well as technology skills necessary for college and career success.

To read entire story, please [click here](#).

School Board Elects Laurie Rich Levinson Chair; Patricia Good, Vice Chair

The School Board of Broward County has elected Laurie Rich Levinson (District 6) Chair and Patricia Good (District 2) Vice Chair. The nominations and voting took place during the School Board Organizational Meeting held Tuesday, November 20, following the swearing-in ceremony for two newly elected and four re-elected Board members.

District Shows Significant Improvement Over Last Year for Class Size Reduction Compliance

Broward County Public Schools reports that 87.7% of core periods are within the F.S. 1003.03 compliance mandate (Class Size Reduction) based on preliminary data (as of 10/12/12). This preliminary estimate reflects an increase in compliance of just over 35 percent (as compared to the 2011/12 school year when the District reached 52.3% of periods in compliance) and does not include error corrections, appeals of the filing of a District Compliance Plan.

"The District is showing significant improvements regarding our Class Size Reduction compliance," said Superintendent Robert W. Runcie. "We will continue our efforts to work towards achieving even greater compliance."

Business and Community Leaders Invited to "What's Next for K-12 Education Forum"

The Consortium of Florida Education Foundations will be presenting "Education Works: What's Next for K-12 Education in Florida" on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66, 2301 SE 17th Street Causeway in Fort Lauderdale. The keynote speaker will be Representative Erik Fresen (R-114), who was recently elected Chair of the Appropriations Committee for Education K-12 in the state legislature. Broward County Public Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie will also be a featured participant. Space is limited to the 75 participants. For more information and to RSVP, please [click here](#).

Business Briefs and Alliance Member News (Alliance members in bold)

Alliance members **Terry Stiles, Stiles; Raymond Jones, FECR; and Mason Jackson, WorkForce One** were speakers this week at the Broward Legislative Delegation meeting held at Port Everglades. They were joined by **Port Director Steve Cernak**. Terry Stiles spoke on behalf of the Port Everglades Advocacy Team about the Port and the continued financial support that is needed for the projects both underway and those waiting for Army Corps of Engineers approval, a process that has taken over 14 years. Members of the bi-partisan delegation confirmed their interest and support and encouraged the team to continue to be vocal in Tallahassee and D.C. Stiles, Jones and Cernak made a point to thank the elected officials for their support and stressed the need to move forward with improvements in order to remain competitive on the global trade front.

Mason Jackson spoke about workforce development issues and provided some of the latest workforce statistics to the delegation. Many members of the group had specific questions for Jackson who was able to provide current data on both the local and national front.

The Broward Delegation is chaired by Senator Eleanor Sobel from Hollywood. The meetings are open to the public and often center on specific topics. Following is a list of upcoming meetings:

Education and Cultural Affairs Public Hearing

Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 4-6:30 p.m., Flanagan High School Auditorium, Pembroke Pines

Health and Human Services Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Local Bills

Thursday, December 20, 2012, 4-7 p.m., Broward General Hospital Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale

Local Bills Public Hearing

Thursday, January 3, 2013, 5-7 p.m., Governmental Center Commission Chambers, Fort Lauderdale

Juvenile Justice / Criminal Justice, Constitutional Officers

Friday, January 11, 2013 2-4:30 p.m., South Regional Courthouse, Hollywood

*The schedule is subject to change. Please contact Sandy Harris for information at 954-357-6555.

Over 100 Alliance members and guests attended the Alliance's Business Connect Breakfast, which was held at the Tower Club on November 16. The event included a panel discussion titled "Anatomy of Success: The 2012 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show" which included guest speakers Efrem "Skip" Zimbalist III, CEO of Show Management and Chairman/CEO of Active Interest Media and Kristina Hebert, Vice President of Operations for Ward's Marine Electric and President of the **Marine Industries Association of South Florida**. The speakers talked about the overall economic impact of the Boat Show and the marine industries in Broward County and some of the opportunities and challenges facing marine companies and the industry overall. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is the largest "in water" boat show in the world and has an annual economic impact equal to hosting a Super Bowl.

Congratulations to Alliance Entrepreneur Council member **Toula Amanna (Flashback Diner)**, whose company Class Act Restaurant Group has been selected by Deerfield Beach Commissioners to operate the restaurant on the city's newly remodeled pier. The American diner-style restaurant, which will be called the Deerfield Beach Café will open in February and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Andrew Duffell, President and CEO of the **Research Park at Florida Atlantic University** was recently invited by the U.S. Department of State to lecture at Paraguayan universities. He was awarded a prestigious U.S. Speaker Grant to speak on "Science and Technology Parks" by the Bureau of International Information Programs and the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section.

Mink & Mink, Inc. announced the recent signing of the "Exclusive Right to Sell" and "Exclusive Right to Lease" agreements for 28,368 sq. ft. land area, 6,557 sq. ft. total building area property in Fort Lauderdale. The company also negotiated a new medical office space lease in Oakland Park.

Stiles managed office complex in the Las Olas corridor of downtown Fort Lauderdale won The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) Earth Award from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Fort Lauderdale/Palm Beach. Stiles also took home the Chief Engineer and Property Manager Awards from BOMA, making the November 2nd event at the Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale a night to remember.

The LEED Gold certified 'class-A' office building, located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale's Central Business District (CBD) - **110 Tower** - was named "Renovated Building of the Year" at the BOMA Fort Lauderdale/Palm Beaches 2012 TOBY Awards.

[Upcoming Economic Development Meetings, Missions & Events](#)

Enterprise Florida Events:

Team Florida Mission to Colombia

December 2 – 5, 2012

Bogotá, Colombia

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Various

Region: Latin America & the Caribbean

AACCLA's Outlook on the Americas Conference

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Miami, Florida

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Various

Region: Latin America & the Caribbean

Enterprise Florida (EFI) conducts or participates in an extensive schedule of export marketing missions and exhibitions worldwide. These trade events are open to all businesses registered in Florida. For more information and to see more event listings, please go to <http://eflorida.com/Events.aspx>.

Other Events:

Fifth Annual Hot Hollywood Glam Spins You Round

Saturday, December 1, 2012 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, 1650 Harrison Street, Hollywood

To register, please [click here](#).

An American Entrepreneur And Host of "Made in America" Radio Show Meet The Legacy Companies President Neal Asbury

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Legacy Companies, Weston

To register, please [click here](#).

South Florida Business Journal's 2012 Business Growth Expo

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Signature Grand, 6900 State Road 84, Davie

To register, please [click here](#).

SFHHA Annual Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, December 6, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale

To register, please [click here](#).

Manufacturers' Association Annual Summit

December 6-7, 2012

Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel, Orlando

To register, please [click here](#).

2013 African-American Achievers Awards - Nominations

Nomination Deadline: Friday, December 7, 2012

To nominate someone, please [click here](#).

South Florida Business Journal's CFO Awards - Nominations

Nomination Deadline: Friday, December 7, 2012

To nominate someone, please [click here](#).

Consortium of Florida Education Foundations Presents Education Works: What's Next for K-12 Education in Florida (South Florida Forum)

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Pier 66, 2301 SE 17th Street Causeway, Fort Lauderdale

For more information and to RSVP, please [click here](#).

Ribbon Cutting: Grand Re-Opening of Port Everglades Cruise Terminals 2, 19, 21 and 26

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Location: Port Everglades, Terminal 26, 1850 Eller Drive, Fort Lauderdale

For more information or to RSVP, call 954-468-3509 or email PortEverglades@broward.org

Alliance Calendar of Events

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Thursday, December 13, 2012 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: City of Wilton Manors, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or at hkulp@gfalliance.org

Alliance Entrepreneur Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Michelle Cook at 954-627-0132 or at mcook@gfalliance.org

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Thursday, January 10, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or at hkulp@gfalliance.org

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Tuesday, January 15, 2013 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gfalliance.org

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or at hkulp@gfalliance.org

Alliance Governor Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gfalliance.org

Alliance Council Connect

Thursday, January 24, 2013 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Gallery of Amazing Things, 485 South Federal Highway, Dania Beach

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gfalliance.org

SAVE THE DATE: Alliance Mid-Year Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2013 11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Pier 66, 2301 S.E. 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gfalliance.org

Calendar subject to change without notice. Please go to www.gfalliance.org for the most current calendar of events and meetings and for more information regarding the Alliance.

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Also join our [LinkedIn group](#) (for members only).

Why have so many companies relocated to Greater Fort Lauderdale? [Click here](#) to find out (90 second video).

