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**The Alliance E-Newsletter**  
**June 26, 2013**

**Top Stories**

**SAVE THE DATE: Alliance Annual Meeting and Dinner, Thursday, October 17, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

To see a list of 2013 Alliance events, please [click here](#).

**SIMTEC SILICONE PARTS, LLC Relocates Headquarters to Miramar**

SIMTEC Silicone Parts, LLC, a world-renowned U.S.-based leading manufacturer of Liquid Silicone Rubber (LSR) and LSR 2-shot injection molded parts and components has relocated its international headquarters from Madison, Wisconsin to the City of Miramar.

SIMTEC will be hiring 40 new employees over four years and investing an estimated \$3.5 million dollars in capital expenditures for equipment and renovations.

“We are extremely pleased with our decision to move our company’s headquarters to Florida,” said Enrique Camacho, president of SIMTEC. “Our new, world class, custom designed and built, state-of-the-art facility provides us with the infrastructure we need to serve our global clientele. The timing for the relocation was impeccable for SIMTEC to add additional production units to cover increased demand from our customers.”

Established in the U.S. in 2002, SIMTEC is a research and technology driven, custom manufacturer. It is one of the first such companies outside of Europe, where LSR technology was pioneered, that is currently manufacturing LSR 2-Shot applications. The company is employing the first production units of their kind in the world. SIMTEC is also the only EPA

Green Power Partner in its industry and supports the use of alternative energy sources through local wind energy source.

In addition to considering expansion at the company's former headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin, other locations under consideration were Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia. The company cited tax incentives, access to ports, international airports, proximity to universities and a strong pool of employees as top advantages for relocation to Broward County.

Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, the City of Miramar, and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance worked together to attract the company to Miramar. SIMTEC Silicone Parts, LLC has been approved for incentives under the state's Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) Tax Refund program, to be allocated over a seven year period.

"We are proud that Simtec has chosen to do business in our community. Clean, modern manufacturing is among the industries we seek to attract as part of our economic development strategy and SIMTEC's commitment demonstrates that we continue to thrive as a corporate location," said Miramar Mayor Lori Moseley.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance President and CEO Bob Swindell added, "We are extremely pleased that SIMTEC selected Miramar for the relocation of its headquarters. The mission of the Alliance is to maintain and grow the presence of target industry companies in the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County area that can take advantage of our educated, diverse and talented workforce; transportation access; and highly rated business and personal tax climate. SIMTEC will be an important part of our strong and growing cluster of manufacturing companies."

For more information on SIMTEC Silicone Parts, LLC, visit [www.simtec-silicone.com](http://www.simtec-silicone.com).

### **McArthur High School LEEO (Linking Educational and Employment Outcomes) Students Win Funding Grant**

In the first year of McArthur High School's LEEO (Linking Educational and Employment Outcomes) program, LEEO students have submitted a grant project and won a Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation grant totaling \$38,180 for new instruments at McArthur. The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation was inspired by the acclaimed motion picture Mr. Holland's Opus, the story of the profound effect a dedicated music teacher had on generations of students. The film's composer, Michael Kamen, started the foundation in 1996 as his commitment to the future of music education.

The foundation donates both new and refurbished instruments to school music programs that lack the resources to keep up with equipment loss due to attrition, depreciation and wear over time, and to accommodate students on waiting lists or who have to share instruments. The LEEO program, which is a partnership between long-established local technology icon Citrix, Broward College and the Broward County Public School District teaches tech savvy students in grades 6-12 key business skills such as critical thinking, presentation and organization, and allows them to become certified in computer programs such as the Microsoft suite of software. The program also pairs the students with business mentors/organizations to further advance their on-the-job employability

### **Alliance VP David Coddington Participates in Visits to Chile and Colombia**

David Coddington, Vice President of Business Development for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, recently joined nearly 100 Florida business and government leaders visiting Chile, as part of a delegation led by Governor Rick Scott. The purpose of the four-day trade mission was to forge ties with Chilean businesses and increase trade opportunities.

While there, David Armstrong, President of Broward College and Past Chair of the Alliance, who also participated in the trade mission, was awarded the Governor's Business Ambassador Award by Governor Rick Scott. Congratulations President Armstrong!

Also, earlier this month, Coddington participated in a trip to Medellín, Colombia, where local Broward County officials joined JetBlue to celebrate Medellín as its newest daily nonstop flight destination from Fort Lauderdale.

During comments in Fort Lauderdale and Medellín, JetBlue Senior Vice President and Treasurer Jim Leddy said, "We're excited to add to our growing network as we announce Medellín as JetBlue's 79th BlueCity and our 2nd Colombian destination from Fort Lauderdale. We see South Florida as the next big smart growth opportunity for JetBlue; specifically, we plan to grow Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport to 100 daily departures over the next five years, making it our third busiest focus city."

## **Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs Joins 30 Mayors and County Leaders Nationwide in Pledge to Create More Resilient Communities**

Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs has joined 30 other mayors and county officials from around the country who have committed to creating more resilient cities, towns and counties in response to our nation's growing extreme weather and energy challenges. As an Inaugural Signatory of the Resilient Communities for America campaign, Mayor Jacobs is among the first local elected officials in the nation to showcase her leadership on these key issues testing America's communities.

The national campaign, which launched June 17, 2013 recognizes that local governments like Broward County are on the front lines of responding to increasing disasters and disruptions fueled by a changing climate. An unprecedented increase in heat waves, droughts, floods, severe storms, and wildfires have devastated communities nationwide over the past two years and cost America \$188 billion in damages. Communities are also put at risk by unreliable and costly energy, thanks to volatile global prices and aging infrastructure taxed by extreme weather.

"We cannot ignore the challenges we face in Broward County and so many other regions across the country," said Mayor Jacobs. "We're not seeing enough action from the federal government on climate change and extreme weather, so it's up to us at the local level. Southeast Florida has risen to the challenge as the collaborative efforts of the four counties of southeast Florida, working together as the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, so clearly demonstrates. Our region is already a national leader on climate and adaptation issues, and I am committed to helping Broward County become even more resilient and prepared—to keep our communities safe and strong and keep our economy competitive."

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

## **White House Representatives Join Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs to Discuss Climate Change Resilience and Youth Jobs**

Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs and White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley hosted two successful discussions on June 20, focused on the impact of Climate Change and youth job programs.

"Broward County is honored to welcome Chair Nancy Sutley from the White House Council on Environmental Quality. The president has demonstrated a commitment to working with us on both issues we discussed today, adapting to the effects of climate change and developing employment opportunities for young people. Each of these topics is vital to the well-being of our community," said Mayor Jacobs.

Chair Sutley will highlight the administration's work to reduce carbon pollution and support stronger, more resilient communities by better planning for the impacts of climate change.

In 2008 Mayor Jacobs created the Broward County Climate Change Task Force, which developed the Broward Climate Change Action Plan. That was soon followed by the precedent-setting Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, an agreement signed by the mayors and commissions of Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe counties. All four counties agreed to work together to combat climate change impacts.

The afternoon discussion turned its attention to the employment for Florida's youth. In April, President Obama challenged businesses, non-profits and government to work together to provide opportunities for low-income and disconnected youth.

"Following the example set by the White House, Broward County is engaged in several ways to create jobs for our youth. We remain committed to working with the community, businesses and government on the local, state and federal level on this important issue," said Mayor Jacobs.

Through its Youth Jobs+ Initiative, the administration is partnering with organizations and employers across the country to develop programs to increase youth employment and decrease juvenile violence.

## **New Ranking Places South Florida in Top 5 for Small-Business Growth (From SunSentinel)**

Biz2Credit, a firm that matches small businesses to financial institutions, has ranked the Broward and Miami-Dade County area as the fifth-best for small-business growth in the country.

The rankings looked at five factors: the average annual revenue of small businesses, the average number of employees, the ages of the businesses, the average credit scores of the owners and the taxation rates in the cities.

The firm defined small businesses as companies with fewer than 250 employees or less than \$10 million in annual revenue.

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

### **Workforce Florida Announces “Quick Response Training Challenge Grants”**

Workforce Florida, Inc. has launched a Quick Response Training Challenge Grant available to companies in Florida's logistics and trade industry. With \$2 Million in funding, these special time-limited grants will provide partial reimbursement for trade and logistics companies that need workforce training for current or new employees. The Challenge Grant will be offered to companies involved in moving freight, both by land, sea, air, or rail, and to logistics companies.

Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis so companies should let Workforce Florida know of their interest early on. Once approved, companies will have 12 months to complete training.

For ongoing updates, please visit FDOT's new web portal, [www.FreightMovesFlorida.com](http://www.FreightMovesFlorida.com), a partnership between the Florida Department of Transportation, WorkForce Florida, the Florida Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise Florida to support the state's growing trade and logistics industry.

[Click here](#) to view the joint press release from WorkForce Florida, Inc. and the Florida Department of Transportation. [Click here](#) for answers to questions about the program, including eligibility.

For more information please contact: [Debbie McMullian](#) at Workforce Florida, Inc. or visit [www.workforceflorida.com](http://www.workforceflorida.com).

### **The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship Announces Small Business Executive Program**

The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship announces its Small Business Executive Program. The program is designed with for-profit and non-profit businesses in mind. It is ideal for CEOs, entrepreneurs, business owners, and presidents of small businesses. Created to be a world-class learning experience that accommodates the busy schedule of small business owners, participants will emerge as stronger leaders ready to capitalize on business opportunities, implement best-practice management, and turn challenges into a strategic advantage.

For more information on the program, please [click here](#).

### **Alliance Economic Sourcebook Advertising Space Available**

The Alliance is once again working with the *South Florida Business Journal* to publish its annual award-winning *Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Economic Sourcebook and Market Profile*. This valuable guide serves as a primary marketing tool to promote the entire Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County area. The *Sourcebook* is distributed in a number of ways including to Alliance members, included in national and international marketing kits, available at Chambers of Commerce and Broward County libraries, distributed in the *South Florida Business Journal*, and can be viewed on the Alliance website. The *Economic Sourcebook* provides Alliance members with an outstanding marketing opportunity. For additional information, please contact Amy Allen at 954-949-7561 or [aallen@bizjournals.com](mailto:aallen@bizjournals.com).

### **Education, Workforce Development and Educational Excellence Builds Business (E<sup>2</sup>B<sup>2</sup>)**

*Members wishing to serve on the E<sup>2</sup>B<sup>2</sup> Action Team may contact the Alliance for further details.*

### **BCPS High Schools Named Among Best in Nation by U.S. News & World Report**

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is home to several Best High Schools in the nation and state, according to recent

rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. In all, 13 BCPS high schools received gold, silver or bronze medals in the U.S. News' Best High Schools 2013 national ranking.

American Institutes for Research implemented U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology, which is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

U.S. News analyzed more than 21,000 public high schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. This is the total number of public high schools that had 12th grade enrollment and sufficient data from the 2010/11 school year to analyze. Schools were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals based on state proficiency standards, exams, how well students are prepared for college and other factors.

A three-step process determined the Best High Schools. The first two steps ensured that the schools serve all of their students well, using performance on state proficiency tests as the benchmarks. For those schools that made it past the first two steps, a third step assessed which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students.

Broward's gold medalists schools are Cypress Bay High School (#15 state, #180 national), Pompano Beach High School (#17 state, #230 national) and Nova High School (#27 state, #454 national). In addition to being gold medalists the schools achieved top national ranking and represent the state's top 50 schools.

Eight BCPS high schools are national silver medalists and rank in the state's top 100. McFatter Technical High School (#36 state, #592 national), Atlantic Technical High School (#40 state, #646 national), Pembroke Pines Charter High School (#42 state, #700 national), Fort Lauderdale High School (#45 state, #790 national), Stranahan High School (#53 state, #967 national), Somerset Academy Charter Conservatory High School (#62 state, #1,190 national), South Broward High School (#74 state, #1,602 national), and Deerfield Beach High School (#75 state, #1,635 national).

Also closing in on national ranking, as bronze medalists, are Broward Virtual School and Dillard High School.

### **Millennium Middle and Pines Middle Selected as Exceeding Expectations Award Schools**

Millennium Middle School in Tamarac and Pines Middle School in Pembroke Pines were recently selected as East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) Exceeding Expectations Award Schools.

The schools received the award based on a combination of criteria including increased student performance and achievement on the 2012 FCAT scores and ECTAC officials' observations and interviews, which occurred during a site visit earlier this year.

To celebrate the accomplishment, Millennium Principal Dr. Cheryl Cendan and Pines Principal Carlton Campbell were invited to join other winners from across the state to be honored as an "Exceeding Expectations Award School" and participate in the Exceeding Expectations Conference, which took place May 12 – 15, 2013, in Orlando.

ECTAC provides consultative services for school districts in their efforts to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and to provide students with the skills needed for proficiency on challenging state and academic achievement standards, as well as state academic assessments.

Criteria which ECTAC used to award Millennium and Pines the Exceeding Expectations honor included a review of leadership, instructional strategies, practices and programs, high expectations of staff and students, use of data and monitoring of student progress, family and community engagement, professional development, school culture and climate, use of technology, and student academic performance.

### **Five BCPS Students Named to Elite Class of 2013 Gates Millennium Scholars**

Five Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students are members of an elite class of 2013 Gates Millennium Scholars. Andres Badel of Deerfield Beach High School, Kiona Elliot of Northeast High School, Stephania Novembre of McArthur High School, Anthony Perez of Everglades High School, and Chanique Vassell of Boyd Anderson High School, are among the 1,000 winners throughout the country who were named to this year's Gates Millennium Scholarship Program.

Scholarship recipients all receive good-through-graduation scholarships that can be used to pursue degrees in any undergraduate major at the accredited college or university of their choice. The scholarship program, which provides recipients with leadership development opportunities, mentoring, academic and social support as well as financial assistance, is supported by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through the UNCF (United Negro College Fund).

"We are grateful for The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's support of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program because it is not only an investment in the futures of these students, but also in the country's economic and social strength and competitiveness," said Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D., president and CEO, UNCF.

### **Broward College announces "Train to Gain" Program**

Broward College is inviting individuals to participate in the "Train to Gain" program, which assists them in getting the tools needed to find a job or advance in their current field. The program can help people find their perfect career with a free interest and skill assessment. Available classes include business grammar, business writing, resume writing, interviewing skills, presentation skills, essentials of leadership, skills for today's workforce, effective customer service and introduction to computers - Microsoft Office 2010.

To view the class schedule, [click here](#). For more information, contact [traintogain@broward.edu](mailto:traintogain@broward.edu) or call 954-201-7800.

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

**Becker & Poliakoff** is pleased to announce that local government and land use attorney Hope Calhoun has joined the firm as a shareholder in the Government Law & Lobbying Practice group. She is practicing in the firm's Fort Lauderdale and Miramar offices.

**Broward County** Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness joined other elected officials and nearly 200 families for the **Urban League of Broward County's (ULBC)** First Anniversary Celebration and naming ceremony. The Family Fun Day kicked off with the unveiling of the newly named Sunshine Health Community Empowerment Center, in tribute of Sunshine Health's \$2M support of the ULBC. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Broward County** is tops in the nation for recognitions in a coveted public service competition. The County won 27 awards in the 2013 National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Awards of Excellence Competition, more than any other locality in the nation. To read more, please [click here](#).

The **Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD)** has earned an ANTN DigiCast Excellence in Airport Training Award for training completed in calendar year 2012. The award, presented by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), signifies that BCAD's employees have completed a specified amount of federally mandated airport-specific and continuing education training using ANTN DigiCast's Web-based training system. BCAD is one of only 70 airports nationwide to earn the honor for 2012.

**CBRE** arranged the sale of Lakeview Industrial Park, a seven-building, 210,350-square-foot industrial complex at 2201 Stirling Road in Dania Beach. Industrial Income Trust acquired the asset for \$17,450,000, or \$83 PSF. CBRE's Capital Markets Institutional Group represented the seller, an affiliate of Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing, which owned the property for 26 years. **CBRE** also arranged the sale of a single-tenant retail property leased to Regions Bank in The Strada, a mixed-use project in Coconut Creek, Florida. The buyer, Happiness, Inc., purchased the property for \$5.1 million from Hamsa Hand Holdings, LLC, which hired CBRE to market the asset for sale and negotiate the transaction. Hamsa is managed by Alan Goldberg, CEO of Diversified Realty Development Co., the South Florida-based company that developed The Strada.

**Colliers International South Florida** has been named exclusive leasing broker for Lakeside Plaza, a 119,339-square-foot premier office building in Broward County's Cypress Creek submarket.

Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson, Ph.D., has been appointed Vice President for Advancement and Community Relations at **Nova Southeastern University (NSU)** effective Aug. 1. The announcement was recently made by NSU President and CEO George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D. In this new position, O'Flannery Anderson will provide leadership for the University's Offices of Advancement, University Relations, and Governmental and Community Affairs. She will be responsible for the University's efforts for community engagement and support, including all advancement, fundraising activities, alumni relations, communications, public relations, marketing, advertising, governmental and community relations. She will report

directly to President Hanbury. O'Flannery Anderson joins NSU from [Florida Atlantic University \(FAU\)](#) where she currently is Vice President for Community Engagement and Executive Director of the FAU Foundation. Previously, she was President and CEO of the [United Way of Broward County](#).

Congratulations to the [Nova Southeastern University](#) rowing team, which recently captured the program's first NCAA Division II National Championship at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis, winning both the varsity-8 and varsity-4 grand finals.

[Nova Southeastern University](#) is offering free dental service for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder at NSU's Baudhuin Preschool at the Mailman Segal Center for Human Development. To read more, please [click here](#).

[Stiles](#) has announced that Jay Jacobson has joined the company as president of Stiles Residential Group, its residential development and investment services division. Jacobson is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the division and developing new business opportunities with a primary goal to expand Stiles' residential presence throughout Florida, North Carolina and beyond. He is based out of Stiles' Fort Lauderdale corporate office, where he assumed his new position in March 2013.

[Stiles](#) has begun construction on West Lake Commons, an approximately \$35 million Publix grocery store-anchored retail shopping center in Hollywood. The center is being developed on the corner of Sheridan Street and S. Federal Highway.

[Stiles](#) Realty Director Norm Adams has announced that two national firms have signed new leases for premium office space fronting Las Olas Boulevard in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The companies have leased a total of 17,200 square feet of both headquarters and ground floor office space at two Class 'A' mixed-use buildings within this well-known business corridor. Fanatics Mounted Memories, the memorabilia and collectibles division of online retailer Fanatics, has leased 15,295 square feet of headquarters space at the Plaza at Las Olas, where it will be relocating from Plantation. Founded in 1995, Fanatics is one of the largest online retailers of officially licensed sports merchandise. One Sotheby's International Realty, a luxury residential property brokerage firm in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, will lease 1,905 square feet of ground floor space at Las Olas City Centre. One Sotheby's is a privately held company with over one billion real estate listings. This will be the company's ninth location in South Florida. Stiles Director of Leasing Norm Adams represented building owners in both of these recent transactions. To read more, please [click here](#).

### Alliance Council Updates

Alliance Councils have been very busy these past few weeks. Here is a brief summary of some of their work:

The [CEO Council](#), chaired by Nova Southeastern University Chancellor Ray Ferrero, Jr., continues to promote Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County as a top choice for businesses to relocate or expand. As one facet of the campaign, preliminary arrangements are underway for the second annual CEO Council Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show hosting event for national/international site selection consultants, corporate real estate executives and media/opinion leaders at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 October 31-November 3, 2013

The [Governor Council](#), chaired by Melanie Dickinson, South Florida Business Journal held their June quarterly meeting at the new Young At Art Museum in Davie. The topic of discussion was "Hidden gems: The impact of the cultural community on Broward County." Speakers included Margi Nothard, President & Design Director, Glavovic Studio; and Lois Marino, Business for the Arts, Power2Give. An insiders tour of the new Young At Art Museum followed the meeting. In addition, the Council's Permitting Action Team, chaired by Mason Jackson, met to complete the Concierge/Point of Contact for each of the Alliance's Platinum Cities. These Concierge contacts are working with the Action Team in soliciting Platinum City Permitting Success Testimonials. The Action Team has also been actively promoting the County's e-Permit e-Cloud July 2nd meeting in the Broward County Chambers. With their agenda still under development, the meeting will include eight speakers from industry and government who will discuss ePermits from the perspective of a general overview, along with IT, GIS, Economic benefits, Industry representatives (such as Building Owners, Managers and Architects) and Building Officials. Speakers will be followed by an open Q & A session and the meeting will close with a discussion of the "next steps."

The [Leadership Council](#), chaired by Stefan Pittinger, Peak 10, had an in-depth discussion of the bio / pharma industry, hosted by Oscar Rospigliosi, CEO / GM; Frederico Gil Perez, Director of Finance; and Donna Bean, HR Manager, all of Bolton Medical Inc. Bolton provided an overview of their recently FDA-approved aortic stent and their company vision for expanding medical device technology. The Alliance's Todd Holt, Director of Business Development, painted the larger Life Sciences picture for the state of Florida with special emphasis on Broward County. Florida ranks second in the U.S. for the number of FDA approved medical device manufacturing facilities. The next Leadership Council meeting will be

held on September 18, 8:00 a.m. at DCOTA, with a presentation from the Urban Land Institute.

The Alliance **Corporate Council's** June 19 meeting, chaired by Sandra Mayor, BankUnited, was hosted by First Citizens Bank & Trust, located at 6555 N Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale. A special thanks to Michael Coady of First Citizens for coordinating with the Alliance to host the Council. Members of the Corporate Council enjoyed hearing and seeing what the future may look like coming to downtown Fort Lauderdale. Dana Little, ACIP, Urban Design Director – Treasure Coast Planning Council is working with Renee Cross, ACIP, LEED AP, Transportation Planning Manager City of Fort Lauderdale to design and implement the “Broward Boulevard Gateway Implementation Plan.”

The presentation showed exciting new plans for an expansion of a park at the North Fork New River Bridge, new walking and bike areas, as well as newly designed areas of retail. The plan strives to incorporate transportation, business and community activities. The next Corporate Council meeting is on September 18, 2013, location TBA.

The June 12th **Entrepreneur Council** meeting, chaired by Peyton Moore, Colliers International South Florida, was hosted by Workforce One's main office located at 6301 NW 5th Way, Suite 3000, Fort Lauderdale. Workforce One CEO Mason Jackson welcomed the Council and gave an update of the organization's efforts, including their new series focusing on connecting businesses with training. The next Industry-specific conversation will be focusing on Life Sciences industry. The presentation to the Council was about the Startup Quest Entrepreneurial Program. The presentation was led by new Workforce executives Jack Moss and Mike O' Donnell. Startup Quest is an entrepreneurship training program created to ignite the commercial development of new technologies engineered at Florida's public universities and Federal Laboratories. Startup Quest will match emerging technologies with successful serial entrepreneurs and aspiring business enthusiasts looking for new opportunities. The presentation spurred many questions and much interest, ending with a call of assistance from the council to help find mentors and participants for the program. The next Entrepreneur Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2013. Location: TBA.

At the most recent **Partner Council** June meeting, chaired by Dennis Holste, City of Margate CRA, Jim Murley, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), graciously hosted and provided members an insightful overview of SFRPC. Mr. Murley's presentation was titled, “Revolving Loan Programs and other Regional Projects”, and he discussed the organization's charter and core responsibilities, including the SFRPC's loan program structured to assist small businesses unable to obtain traditional types of financing. He noted, “during a time when access to capital has continued to play a critical role in establishing and maintaining small businesses, the program has proved to be a vital necessity”. The Council also learned how the SFRPC conducts secondary data analysis that is utilized in a wide array of applications, from developing industry profiles for economic development purposes, all the way to recommending evacuation routes in the event of a hurricane.

### **Upcoming Economic Development Meetings, Missions & Events** **Alliance Calendar of Events**

#### **Alliance Council Connect (Members Only)**

Thursday, August 29 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Gulfstream Park Village, Sport of Kings Theater, 901 South Federal Highway, Hallandale Beach

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Entrepreneur Council Meeting (Members only)**

Wednesday, September 11 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Michelle Cook at 954-627-0132 or at [mcook@gflalliance.org](mailto:mcook@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Members only)**

Tuesday, September 17 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: TBA

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#### **Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Members only)**

Wednesday, September 18 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or at [hkulp@gflalliance.org](mailto:hkulp@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Governor Council Meeting (Members only)**

Tuesday, September 24 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

### **Alliance Annual Meeting & Dinner**

Thursday, October 17 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Signature Grand, 6900 West State Road 84, Davie

Platinum sponsors of this year's event include Broward College, JM Family Enterprises, Inc. and Signature Grand. Gold Sponsors include AutoNation and FPL. Silver Sponsors include Florida Blue and Nova Southeastern University.

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### **Enterprise Florida Events:**

#### **AFRICANDO 2013**

September 1, 2013

Location: Miami, FL

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Information Technology

Region: Africa

**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 [click here](#).

### **Other Events:**

#### **South Florida Business Journal: Social Media Crash Course**

Wednesday, June 26 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: IGFA, 300 Gulfstream Way Dania Beach

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

#### **2013 Florida Economic Development Conference**

Wednesday – Friday, June 26-28

Location: Orlando

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

#### **Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship 3rd Annual South Florida Business & Leadership Conference**

Saturday, June 29 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Urban League of Broward County, 560 NW 27th Ave., Fort Lauderdale

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

#### **ePermits eCloud Meeting**

Tuesday, July 2 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Broward County Commission Chambers - Room 422, 115 S. Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale

For an agenda, please [click here](#). To register, please email [epermits@broward.org](mailto:epermits@broward.org).

#### **Life Sciences Employer Forum**

Thursday, July 11 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: WorkForce One Employment Solutions Executive Office, 6301 NW 5th Way, Suite 3000, Fort Lauderdale

To register, please go to <http://edsn.us/jO/Forum>.

#### **NAIOP Economic Update 2013: Understanding the Road to Recovery**

Wednesday, July 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Museum, Dania Beach

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

Calendar items are subject to change without notice. Please visit [www.gflalliance.org](http://www.gflalliance.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).**

