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Top Stories

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Annual Meeting Features New Job Announcements, A Tribute to Wayne Huizenga and Presentation of Economic Development Leadership Awards

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's official public/private partnership for economic development, reported at its 2012 annual meeting on Thursday, October 4 that it helped attract 25 new company relocations and expansions during its 2011-12 fiscal year that ended September 30. This resulted in over 1,500 new value added jobs, nearly 1,700 retained jobs and more than \$86 million in new capital investment.

Some of the companies that relocated or expanded in Broward County include:

AeroTurbine, a global aviation solutions provider, that is adding 75 new jobs and retaining 175 jobs in Miramar. The company plans to make a \$30 million capital investment.

Astor & Black selected Pembroke Pines as the site for the relocation of its corporate headquarters from Columbus, Ohio. The company will be creating 67 new high-paying jobs with an average salary in excess of 200% of the local Broward County average wage. Astor & Black is a leading direct to consumer clothing company for men and women.

e-Builder, the pioneer in fully integrated, cloud-based construction program management software, selected Plantation for the expansion of their headquarters office. The company plans to add 33 new high-paying jobs, with an average salary in excess of 150 percent of the local Broward County average wage, and retain 58 jobs.

Global Response, a call services center for multichannel retail, healthcare, insurance and automotive industries, will be expanding its current operation and is planning to create 200 new jobs and retain 360 jobs. The company has chosen Margate as the site for its expansion.

Two other new announcements included: Bolton Medical, a medical device company located in Sunrise, that just received new FDA approval for one of their products, and announced that they will be initially adding 30 new jobs and retaining 78 jobs in Sunrise, along with over \$2 million in capital investment; and SmartWater CSI, a cutting edge, high technology company with an established track record of crime deterrence and theft reduction in the United Kingdom since 1996, formally announced it has decided to establish its North American corporate headquarters in Fort Lauderdale. The company, with an initial 7 employees in Fort Lauderdale, plans to expand to over 100 by 2014.

These companies were among a group of over 400 companies that were provided services by the Alliance during its 2011-12 fiscal year.

At this year's meeting, Wayne Huizenga was the second recipient of the Ray Ferrero, Jr., Economic Development Award, which is awarded annually to the Greater Fort Lauderdale business leader who best exemplifies the tireless leadership and vision of Ray Ferrero, Jr., chancellor of Nova Southeastern University and founding chairman of the Alliance's CEO Council. Mike Jackson, CEO of AutoNation, presented the award to Huizenga, which included a surprise tribute featuring a newly written personalized song. Huizenga was recognized for his significant and long term contributions to improving Broward County and its residents through economic development.

Following the tribute, J. David Armstrong, Jr., President of Broward College and Chairman of the Alliance Board of Directors for the past two years, presented the gavel to incoming Alliance Board Chairman Gerard Litrento, who is Senior Executive Vice President of BankUnited. Litrento will be the Chair of the Alliance Board for the fiscal year 2012-13.

Another highlight of the meeting included the presentation of the Alliance's annual economic development leadership awards. The Educational Excellence Builds Business (E2B2) Award was presented to AT&T for their support of education initiatives in Broward County. Alliance Council Chairs then presented the individual 2012 Economic Development Leadership Awards to the following recipients: Jordan Zimmerman, Zimmerman Advertising (CEO Council); Mason Jackson, WorkForce One Employment Solutions (Governor Council); Guy Desautels, Citrix (Leadership Council); Sandra Mayor, BankUnited (Corporate Council); Peyton Moore, Colliers International (Entrepreneur Council); and Ana Zeinieh, City of Dania Beach CRA (Partner Council).

"This year, we continued our focus to attract jobs to Broward County through local, national and international marketing and outreach to companies in our targeted industries and through a targeted approach to bringing headquarters operations to Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County through our CEO Council's headquarters attraction initiative," said Bob Swindell, President and CEO of the Alliance. "We also made it a top priority to visit 175 local businesses, providing a number of different types of business assistance programs and support."

The annual meeting and dinner drew a crowd of more than 550 business and community leaders to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood. Attendees also heard from keynote speaker John Kanas, Chairman, President and CEO of BankUnited. With more than 35 years of banking experience, Kanas shared his insights for the future of the banking industry and some of the economic issues facing the U.S. and world economies.

Stretch Wrap Packaging Industries Chooses Fort Lauderdale as Manufacturing Location

Stretch Wrap Packaging Industries, a manufacturer of plastic stretch wrap for the logistics industry, has relocated their manufacturing facilities from Suriname, South America to the United States and has selected Fort Lauderdale as their location of choice for their operations.

"The US economy gaining back momentum and the perceived quality of products manufactured in the USA worldwide, were some of key drivers to relocate the facilities to the United States," said Stretch Wrap Packaging Vice President Rahul Singh. "While our manufacturing operations could have been located anywhere within the United States, the global strategic location of Broward County, being centrally located in South Florida with its gateway to Latin America and the world, coupled with its strong infrastructure, state tax advantage and quality of life made Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County the ideal location for our business. We would like to thank Paola Isaac Baraya from the Greater Fort Lauderdale

Alliance and the City of Fort Lauderdale for their support and assistance with expedited permitting, workforce development, manufacturing tax exemptions and other services provided by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance.”

“Florida continues to be business-friendly, which is a main reason that companies like Stretch Wrap Packing Industries opt to do business here,” said Gray Swoope, president & CEO of Enterprise Florida Inc., the state’s primary economic development organization. “We welcome Stretch Wrap to Florida’s business community and look forward to its positive economic impact through job creation.” Stretch Wrap Packaging Industries has committed to add 200 jobs over the next three years. The total foreign direct investment is \$12 million.

“We are proud to welcome Stretch Wrap Packaging Industries, LLC, to Fort Lauderdale,” said Jack Seiler, Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale. “An advantageous economic climate has helped the City of Fort Lauderdale establish itself as a world-class international business center and one of the most desirable destinations for new and expanding businesses. We are honored that Stretch Wrap Packaging is joining our family of fast growing businesses here in Fort Lauderdale.”

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance CEO Bob Swindell said, “We are pleased to welcome more International companies to our area. Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County’s central location within South Florida giving access to a 5.6 million population, its strategic global location being a gateway to the world and its superior infrastructure coupled with the flexibility of its foreign trade zone programs presents tremendous opportunities for manufacturing companies to expand their market access. Our mission is to attract more foreign companies to the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County area that can take advantage of our outstanding quality of life, talented workforce and highly rated business climate and continue growing our target industry clusters including manufacturing. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work with our partners at the City of Fort Lauderdale, Enterprise Florida and the Governor’s Office on behalf of Stretch Wrap Packaging LLC.”

SmartWater CSI, LLC™ Opens its North American Headquarters in Greater Fort Lauderdale

SmartWater CSI, LLC™, a cutting edge, high technology company with an established track record of crime deterrence and theft reduction in the United Kingdom since 1996, has established its North American corporate headquarters in Fort Lauderdale.

“We invested a great deal of time and research to find the right place to introduce SmartWater, our proven theft deterrent, to the United States,” stated Phil Cleary, Founder of SmartWater CSI. “Greater Fort Lauderdale provides us with an expansive area that welcomes cutting-edge technology, a sheriff who is prepared to embrace new technology in the best interest of his constituents, and residents who demand a safe place to live while demonstrating a strong willingness to assist law enforcement to do their job. We appreciate the assistance provided in our site selection process from Enterprise Florida and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance CEO Council.”

SmartWater is an asset protection system in the form of a clear liquid which contains a unique forensic code that is extremely robust and guaranteed to last a minimum of 5 years within all weather conditions. It is applied to items of value - personal, commercial, and industrial - which are frequently the target of theft. The non-hazardous patented liquid leaves a long-lasting identifying mark that is invisible except under ultraviolet black light. Law enforcement officials can take the smallest micro-fragment of SmartWater from stolen property and send it to SmartWater’s forensic laboratories, where it can be scientifically analyzed to identify the owner. As a result, thieves who make the calculated mistake of targeting SmartWater marked-assets face a far greater risk of successful prosecution. Ultimately, as the statistics in the UK over the past 15 years exhibit, crime is reduced and the public enjoys a safer environment.

SmartWater CSI’s new offices are located at 110 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1700. They have opened with a staff of 7, with plans to expand to over 100 by mid-2014.

Logan Pierson, President of SmartWater CSI, LLC commented, “The use of SmartWater can improve the security of businesses in Broward County that are currently experiencing theft, as well as bring peace of mind to local residents. SmartWater provides an effective tool that allows law enforcement to attack the criminal fraternity, and this unlawful group should take notice.

“SmartWater CSI’s decision to locate its North American headquarters in Fort Lauderdale confirms Florida’s position as a key international gateway for companies seeking to serve a large and growing market,” said Florida Secretary of Commerce Gray Swoope, who serves as president & CEO of Enterprise Florida Inc., the state’s lead economic development organization. It was Enterprise Florida’s U.K. office that initiated this business opportunity for Florida. “Also

important in this regard are Governor Rick Scott's continuous efforts to cut business taxes and burdensome regulation. These efforts are making Florida the number-one state to start or expand a business and empowering SmartWater CSI and other companies to invest and create jobs here."

Ray Ferrero, Jr., Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance CEO Council Chairman commented, "We are delighted that SmartWater CSI has chosen to locate their North American headquarters in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Their positive experience ratifies the CEO Council's mission to market Greater Fort Lauderdale as a premier location for corporate and international headquarters, and we look forward to celebrating their continued growth and success in the years to come."

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler added, "We are very happy to welcome leading international companies such as SmartWater CSI to Fort Lauderdale. Their choice of Fort Lauderdale for their North American headquarters operations speaks to the growing reputation of Fort Lauderdale as a location of choice for international businesses to serve the North American market, and we wish them all future success."

Utilized in the UK for more than 15 years, SmartWater has established a proven track record for achieving significant reductions in crime by as much as 72% and has assisted more than 1,000 criminal convictions. Major organizations such as British Telecom, Shell Oil and others are protecting their metal and cable infrastructures with SmartWater. Insurers in the UK are offering it to their policy holders. All have come to rely on SmartWater's combination of technology and tactics to influence and deter criminal behavior.

For more information, visit www.SmartWaterCSI.com or call 954-315-3938.

ECI Pharmaceuticals Expands Its Research and Development Operations in Greater Fort Lauderdale

ECI Pharmaceuticals, LLC, a specialty pharmaceutical manufacturer and marketer of prescription solid dose drug products, has elected to expand its Research and Development, as well as Analytical Testing Laboratories, to extend its product portfolio in Fort Lauderdale. This will involve a capital investment of approximately \$1 million and the hiring of approximately 20 new employees over the next three years, with an average salary of \$48,690, which is 115% of the average wage in Broward County.

"We are very pleased to announce the expansion of our current Oral Solid Dose Immediate Release (IR) Prescription Drug Product manufacturing operation into various Oral Solid Dose Extended Release and Controlled Release (XR/CR) Technology platforms, which will be supported through the expansion of our R&D and Analytical Testing Laboratories," stated John Copanos, CEO and Owner of ECI Pharmaceuticals. "These newly developed technology platforms will be marketed in our very own ECI label and/or through various co-promotional marketing joint ventures upon FDA approval. We are very happy to be working here in Fort Lauderdale and look forward to providing additional support to the local community, as well as local businesses. We have had great success in the past working here in Fort Lauderdale, taking full advantage of the local educated workforce, which is very familiar with our type of manufacturing. We look forward to the mutual benefit derived from our expansion, which will create new jobs and new relationships with local businesses here in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area."

"ECI's R&D expansion strengthens the state's health and medical services sector, and this is important to our efforts to further grow Florida's life sciences industry," said Florida Secretary of Commerce Gray Swoope, who serves as president and CEO of Enterprise Florida Inc., the state's lead economic development organization. "I am pleased that Enterprise Florida had a hand in bringing this expansion project to fruition."

ECI Pharmaceutical, LLC currently has 18 employees and occupies over 10,000 square feet, dedicated only to manufacturing and analytical testing. With this expansion plan, ECI Pharmaceuticals, LLC received approval under the State's Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund program for \$60,000 paid out over a 6 year period, including \$12,000 in QTI incentive funds from the City of Fort Lauderdale for local financial support.

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler commented, "We are proud that ECI Pharmaceuticals, LLC is expanding in Fort Lauderdale. Fort Lauderdale has emerged as one of the fastest growing markets for global trade and one of the most desirable destinations for new and expanding businesses, especially those in the health care and pharmaceutical industries. We are honored that ECI Pharmaceuticals, a high quality American manufacturer, is continuing its growth here in Fort Lauderdale."

“ECI Pharmaceuticals, LLC is very proud to be an American specialty pharmaceutical manufacturing company of niche and complex prescription products, capable of successfully competing with overseas manufacturing, while still meeting strict FDA and DEA regulations. This not only retains and adds jobs here in the USA, but also assures the consumer that the products they buy are guaranteed to meet the quality and safety requirements the US FDA requires,” said Copanos. “Our company focuses on providing consistent quality medicines, at affordable prices, to help those in need and also makes significant investments into new and innovative technologies to improve upon the traditional types and delivery systems of our products by listening to our customers and determining their specific needs.”

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance President and CEO Bob Swindell added, “We are very happy that ECI Pharmaceuticals has chosen Fort Lauderdale as its expansion location. The company is an important part of our life science and manufacturing clusters that continue to grow in Broward County. We wish them every success and are pleased to work with them in their expansion.”

For more information, visit <http://www.ecipharma.com/>.

Broward County Named Six Pillars Community

More than 200 community leaders attended the 1st annual meeting and celebration launch of Broward’s Six Pillars Process on October 17, 2012 at the Signature Grand. “Six Pillars is a collaborative effort of local stakeholders driving local, regional and state-wide plans for growing jobs and competing globally,” said J. David Armstrong, Jr., President of Broward College and one of Broward’s Six Pillars co-chairs. “It is based on the premise that there will be 5-7 million more people in Florida by the year 2030 and includes a three part vision to ensure prosperity and create high paying jobs, create vibrant and sustainable communities and move us toward global leadership as a community and region. It looks at six areas where studies have shown that a community, region and state can have the most impact: Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Management, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places.” More than 300 community volunteers participated in over a dozen meetings between April and August as they worked to develop the plan which includes goals, strategies, tactics, metrics and recommended advocates for each of the Six Pillars.

During the celebration, Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, who is also a Broward Six Pillars co-chair, thanked the team members, co-chairs of the various teams and the steering committee for their work on the project. “I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in one or more of the Six Pillar teams,” said Commissioner LaMarca. “I know how hard each and every one of you worked and at times the sacrifices you made in order to participate early in the day and late in the evening – and some even on weekends. I believe we have played a role in the future of Broward County and that this project will help set the stage for success in Broward County for many years to come.” James Murley, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council and another county co-chair, also spoke about the regional impact of the plan and how Broward County’s Six Pillars work fits into the regional framework and how the process is a bottom-up and top-down process from the local community to the state level.

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of an award to the county co-chairs by Florida Chamber Foundation President Dale Brill naming Broward County a “Six Pillars Community.”

In closing, President Armstrong stated that the next step in the process will be the implementation phase, where members of the teams will be asked to help move the plan forward and begin taking the necessary steps to achieve the goals, strategies and tactics in the plan. To download a copy of the final plan, or for more information, please visit www.sixpillarsbroward.org.

Port Everglades Welcomes Largest Cargo Ship in Port’s History

Port Everglades welcomed the largest cargo ship in the port’s history on Monday. The MSC Texas, at 1,095-feet-long and 141-feet-wide, will be coming from Northern Europe on a weekly service to Port Everglades. The vessel weighs 90,745 gross-registered tons and can carry as many as 8,238 20-foot containers when fully loaded at a draft of 47.6 feet. Previously, the largest container ship to call at Port Everglades was a 1,066-foot-long and 140-foot-wide MSC ship that docked in March 2011.

“Container ships are increasingly larger because it makes good business and environmental sense to carry more cargo per voyage. Given this trend, we fully expect larger vessels, such as the MSC Texas, to frequently call Port Everglades in the future, especially once the Panama Canal is expanded,” said Port Everglades Chief Executive and Port Director

Steven Cernak. "We are working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deepen and widen the navigable channels at Port Everglades so that we are prepared to handle these ever larger ships going forward."

The Army Corps of Engineers is currently studying a dredge project at Port Everglades and is expected to release for public comment an environmental and feasibility study in late November.

The project calls for deepening and widening the port's outer entrance channel from an existing 45-foot project depth over a 500-foot channel width to a 57-foot depth with an 800-foot channel width, deepening the inner entrance channel and main turning basin from 42 feet to 50 feet, and widening the channels within the port to increase the margin of safety for ships transiting to berth.

Broward Commissioner Appointed to NACo's Community and Economic Development Steering Committee

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has appointed Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca to serve as a member of NACo's Community and Economic Development Steering Committee.

Those who serve on NACo Steering Committees must exhibit expertise in the area of which they wish to serve. The Community and Economic Development Steering Committee addresses such issues as affordable housing, economic development, land use planning, commercial development, employment centers and infrastructure capacity.

"Economic development, land use, affordable housing, infrastructure and employment are critical to the overall economic strength and future prosperity of our country. Working on this committee, with county representatives from across the United States, will allow us to gather information, share policies and engage in debate that will lead to the adoption of legislative policy on economic development issues that affect all of us locally," said Commissioner LaMarca.

The committee also works to refine the role of federal, state and county governments in enhancing economic development opportunities and creating housing options for different populations.

Committee appointees serve on a committee for one year. NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties and advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

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

Eighteen BCPS Students Named as Semifinalists in National Achievement Scholarship Program

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced that 18 Broward County Public Schools students are among the approximately 1,600 Black American high school seniors who have been designated semifinalists in the 49th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. These students will now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship awards worth more than \$2.5 million that will be offered next spring. Approximately 80 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing and more than half of the finalists will win an Achievement Scholarship award.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is a privately financed academic competition established in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented Black American youth and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding participants in each annual competition. To read more, please [click here](#).

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

All municipalities in **Broward County** are to invited to join the Broward County Go SOLAR program team for the Go SOLAR Broward Rooftop Solar Challenge, a U.S. Department of Energy grant-funded program that makes it easier for Broward County residents and businesses to convert to solar energy. For more information, please [click here](#).

City Furniture has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to boost used furniture donations. The company is piloting the program in Broward and is exploring opportunities to play a similar role for Habitat for Humanity affiliates in all City Furniture's Southeast and Southwest Florida markets.

The Research Park at **Florida Atlantic University** was selected to host the Association of Research Parks' 2014 International Conference. More than 250 international and domestic leaders from universities, research parks and businesses will convene for this event.

Forty-three South Florida **GUNSTER** attorneys were named to the Best Lawyers in America® 2013. GUNSTER also has four South Florida attorneys who were recognized as 2013 Lawyers of the Year.

Stiles and Charlotte/N.C.-based Levine Properties announced their strategic alliance to develop real estate in the Carolinas. With this joint venture, the two groups are executing plans to develop commercial and residential properties with a primary focus on grocery-anchored centers. Also, Stiles Construction, a division of Stiles, was awarded an 8,800-square-foot, state-of-the-art showroom project for Champion Porsche in Pompano Beach.

Spotlight on Alliance Members

Ryan has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Thomson Reuters Property Tax Services, which will add an estimated 600 property tax and unclaimed property professionals to the Ryan firm. The firm also plans to extend its international reach with an established office in India and through entry into South Asia. Also, Ryan was named to the 2012 "Great Place to Work®" *Best Small & Medium Workplaces* list in the U.S., ranking # 6 of 25 in the Medium category.



Tom Johnson

Upcoming Economic Development Meetings, Missions & Events

Enterprise Florida Events:

Business Development Mission to Kenya

November 11-17, 2012

Nairobi, Kenya

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Various

Region: Africa

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

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:

SFTA: 2nd Annual Golf Classic

Friday, November 2, 2012 7:00 a.m.

Location: Jacaranda Golf & Country Club, 9200 West Broward Boulevard, Plantation

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

2nd Annual Helping Hands Toy Drive Golf Tournament

Friday, November 2, 2012 7:30 a.m.

Location: Crandon Golf, 6700 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne

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

Arts Means Business Breakfast

Friday, November 2, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Location: Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, One East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

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

Center for Hemispheric Policy: Venezuela: Post-election Outlook

Friday, November 2, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Hall of Ambassadors, 50 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables

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

Museum of Discovery and Science: MAD for MODS Gala

Saturday, November 3, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Location: Museum of Discovery & Science, 401 S.W. Second Street, Fort Lauderdale

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

Salute to Business

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

NAIOP Bus Tour

Thursday, November 8, 2012 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Departs from Design Center of the Americas (DCOTA), 1855 Griffin Road, Dania Beach

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

South Florida Business Journal's MedUTech 2012

Friday, November 9, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 East Camino Real, Boca Raton

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

OWIT: 11th Annual International Business Woman of the Year Awards Luncheon

November 15, 2012 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Intercontinental Hotel, Doral

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

Democracy in the Americas

November 15 & 16, 2012

Location: University of Miami, Newman Alumni Center, 6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables

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

"How to do Business with Broward County" Workshop Series

Business owners interested in contracting with Broward County can attend free two-hour seminars presented monthly by the Office of Economic and Small Business Development and the Purchasing Division. Learn the secrets of doing business with Broward County government while gaining valuable insight into the County's purchasing process and small business certification programs.

November 15 & December 20, 2012 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale

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

Technology & Manufacturing Symposium

Friday, November 16, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Technology Business Incubator at FAU, 3651 FAU Boulevard, Suite 400, Boca Raton

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

The Cloud: Why the C-Level Executive Should Care

Thursday, November 29, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Peak 10, 5301 N.W. 33rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

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

EDC's 15th Annual Emerging Technology Business Showcase

Friday, November 30, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton Hotel, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach

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

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](#).

South Florida Business Journal's 2012 Business Growth Expo

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

Location: Signature Grand, 6900 State Road 84, Davie

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

Alliance Calendar of Events

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (by invitation only)

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

Location: K.C. Wright Administration Building, BCPS, 600 S.E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

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

Alliance Entrepreneur Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

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

Alliance Tower Business Connection

Friday, November 16, 2012 7:15 a.m.

Location: The Tower Club, 100 SE Third Avenue, 28th Floor, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Gail Bulfin at 954-627-0127 or at gbulfin@gflalliance.org

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

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

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Wednesday, November 21, 2012 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

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

Alliance Governor Council Meeting (by invitation only)

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: NSU Oceanographic Center, 8000 North Ocean Drive, Dania Beach

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

Alliance Holiday Council Connect

Thursday, November 29, 2012 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Riverside Hotel, 620 E Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

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

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

Follow the Alliance on these websites: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#)

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).

To see a short video of highlights from our 2011 annual meeting, courtesy of Six Points Media (a Patriot National Insurance Group company), please [click here](#).