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[Governor Scott Announces AeroTurbine to Create 75 Jobs in Miramar](#)

On Friday, January 24, Governor Rick Scott announced that AeroTurbine, a manufacturer, repairer and warehouse of aircraft engines and engine parts, will create 75 jobs in Miramar at a grand opening ceremony for the company's new headquarters facility. Governor Scott said, "AeroTurbine's creation of 75 new jobs is a great addition to the Broward community. With the news that Florida's unemployment rate dropped to 6.2 percent and we have created 462,000 jobs in three years, it's clear that it's working in Florida. This is all great news, but we aren't finished yet. We are committed to creating an opportunity economy in Florida that will support jobs for generations to come." To read more, please [click here](#).

[Sunrise Telehealth Company to Add 100 Jobs](#)

This article, by Paul Brinkmann, appeared in the South Florida Business Journal.

MDLive, a Sunrise-based telehealth services and software company, plans to hire more than 100 people in the coming year, CEO and founder Randy Parker said in an interview. The company obtained \$23.6 million in new funding from investors to ramp up its operations. "We'll have an aggressive hiring program at the Sunrise facility," Parker said. "All together we'll be doubling the employed workforce in Sunrise in 2014." He said the company currently has about 145 employees and would be hiring some high-paying positions, including tech and IT positions, physicians and financial professionals, along with some client services or call center employees. To read more, please [click here](#).

[Broward Leaders Call for Port Everglades Congressional Help](#)

This month, more than 300 Broward County, Florida based business, community and governmental organizations urged Congressional leaders to help Port Everglades prepare for the next generation of big ships scheduled to begin moving through the Panama Canal and to Port Everglades in 2015. "South Florida's Economic Future is in Your Hands" is the headline on a full-page ad published in the Washington DC political publication THE HILL. (To view, the ad, please [click here](#).) "We encourage the WRRDA Conference

Committee to follow the lead of the House and adopt the language proposed by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee leadership," the advertisement reads. "It is so rare that both sides of the aisle come together in Washington. The WRRDA Conference Committee has an opportunity to show the kind of bi-partisan leadership Americans applaud." To read more, please [click here](#).

Broward Means Business

The impactful phrase "Broward Means Business" is the County's new theme for its 2014 initiative that recognizes businesses and business persons who significantly contribute to the County's positive business climate. The initiative focuses on encouraging successful entrepreneurship as well as enabling and growing business in Broward County. It also includes an educational component that informs the public about significant County contributions that enhance the local economy and community. Residents are encouraged to tune-in to Video Central on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. to view the County Commission's regularly scheduled meeting and learn more about Broward Means Business. Commission meetings are also televised on participating cable channels and AT&T U-verse.

Register Now! – Six Pillars Broward First Annual Report to the Community

Friday, February 21, 2014 has been set as the date for the Six Pillars Broward First Annual Report to the Community. The event will be held at the Omni Auditorium at Broward College's North Campus, 1000 Coconut Creek Boulevard, in Coconut Creek. The event will begin with a reception and continental breakfast at 7:15 a.m., followed by the program from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. The cost of the event is \$25.00 per person. The special guest speaker will be Peter Kageyama, author of *For the Love of Cities*. The program will include a report on where Broward County stands after the first 15 months of the Six Pillars strategic planning process and the successes being made to grow jobs, create vibrant communities and compete globally. The report will also show how Broward County stacks up against the other urban counties in Florida in areas such as: High School Graduation Rates, Unemployment, College Attainment, STEM Talent, Per Capita Income, Voter Turnout, Charitable Contributions, Home Foreclosures, Families Below Poverty Level, Health Insurance Coverage and other important issues affecting our community. For information about being a sponsor, please contact Ron Drew at 954-627-0130 or via email at rdrew@gflalliance.org. To register, please [click here](#). For information about Broward Six Pillars, please visit www.sixpillarsbroward.org.

Alliance CEO Bob Swindell interviewed by Edward Pozzuoli, President of Tripp Scott

Please [click here](#) for a link to an interview featuring Alliance CEO Bob Swindell with Edward Pozzuoli, President of Tripp Scott.

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

BCPS Announces Partnership with Code.org Educating Today's Students to Succeed in Tomorrow's World

On Tuesday, January 21, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) announced its new partnership with Code.org, a national, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing opportunities for students to learn computer science in school. School Board members; Superintendent Robert W. Runcie; Hadi Partovi, Co-Founder and CEO of Code.org; Gary Chartrand, Chair, State Board of Education; Pam Stewart, Chancellor of Public Schools, Florida Department of Education; Jesse Panuccio, Executive Director, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; school leaders and students attended the press conference announcing the event, which included live coding demonstrations. To read more, please [click here](#).

Two BCPS School Leaders Finalists for State's Top School Leadership Honors

Two Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) leaders are finalists for the state's top school leadership honors. Brian Kingsley, principal at Gulfstream Middle School in Hallandale Beach, and Jo-Anne Misiewicz-Seltzer, assistant principal at Flamingo Elementary School in Davie, have each been named one of three state finalists for the Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership and the Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award. To read more, please [click here](#).

BCPS North Side Elementary School Foster Grandparent Recognized as Outstanding Senior Volunteer by Florida Department of Education

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) announced the 2013-14 winners of the Outstanding School Volunteer Award. Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) North Side Elementary School Foster Grandparent Volunteer Dorothy Zarfjian is recognized as the Outstanding Senior Volunteer award winner for Region V. To read more, please [click here](#).

Kelly Selected as FAU's Seventh President

John Kelly, Ph.D., was recently selected as Florida Atlantic University's seventh president by the University's 13-member Board of Trustees. "Today marks a great day in the history of FAU," said Anthony Barbar, chair of FAU's Board of Trustees. "We are proud of our selection of Dr. Kelly as our leader, and we are confident that his vision will guide FAU to its next level of greatness." Kelly has been the vice president of economic development at Clemson University, where he was tasked with developing and implementing university policy, strategic planning, hiring strategies, communication and budgeting. "I am privileged to have been selected as the next president

of FAU,” said Kelly. “It was a long and open process, and I am honored that the Board of Trustees unanimously chose me to lead FAU.” To read more, please [click here](#).

BCPS College Academy @ BC to Hold Recruitment Open Houses

The College Academy @ BC will hold its annual Open House events for prospective students at Bailey Hall, Broward College, Central Campus, 3501 SW Davie Road, Davie, on Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. (for students whose last names begin with A-L) and Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m. (for students whose last names begin with M-Z). The College Academy @ BC (CA) is a joint Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and Broward College educational experience, offering high school juniors the opportunity to receive both a BCPS high school diploma and an Associate in Arts degree from Broward College. Students enrolled in the accelerated college entrance program take dual enrollment college courses at the Broward College Central campus. Tuition and books are provided at no cost for College Academy students, resulting in the freshman and sophomore years of college are free of charge. Students are also able to qualify for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program as a Florida Academic Scholar or a Florida Medallion Scholar. To read more, please [click here](#).

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Broward Health Medical Center is the national winner of Press Ganey’s Commitment to Excellence Award under the large hospital category for clinical quality continuous improvement. This award recognizes a single large hospital in the country making the most improvements over two years in clinical quality and core measure scores in acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical prevention infection. To read more, please [click here](#).

Nabil El Sanadi, M.D., has been elected as chairman of the Florida Board of Medicine for 2014. The Florida Board of Medicine is a 15-member group that oversees physicians and other healthcare practitioners. Dr. El Sanadi is the chief of emergency medicine for **Broward Health** in Fort Lauderdale and is certified in Emergency Medicine by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. He also serves as a voluntary professor of medicine at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and as founding affiliate dean at Florida International University College of Medicine. To read more, please [click here](#).

CBRE arranged the sale of Oakland Commerce Center, a 12-building office/mixed-use complex on 12 acres off of I-95 in Oakland Park. Rafael Hernandez of Boca Raton acquired the property located at 3401-3411 N. Powerline Road and 3115-3223 N.W. 10th Terrace from Oakland Center Associates, LTD., for \$9,850,000. The property was 74% occupied at the time of sale. CBRE represented the seller. To read more, please [click here](#).

CBRE arranged the sale of the Tamarac Distribution Centre, a single-tenant, Class A, 36,017-square-foot distribution facility located at 10151 N.W. 67th Street in Tamarac. The buyer, a private-label food manufacturer based in Sunrise, purchased the property for \$2,850,000 and has assumed occupancy as the sole tenant. CBRE represented the seller in conjunction with Larry A. Rothenberg attorney and owner of RTC Title, Inc. The Buyer was represented by Joe Pelayo of Total Real Estate Consultants. To read more, please [click here](#).

CBRE arranged \$4.5 million in acquisition financing for the \$4.9 million sale of the AT&T building, a 79,412-square-foot Class B industrial property located at 3499 N.W. 53rd Street in Fort Lauderdale. To read more, please [click here](#).

Colliers International South Florida is proud to announce that Achikam Yogev, Senior Vice President, represented Aristan Holdings, LLC, in the purchase of a 25,729-SF warehouse at 550 Ansin Boulevard in Hallandale. The property sold for \$1.9 million or \$74 per square foot. "Buildings similar to this one fronting I-95 have been trading for over \$100 per square foot," said Yogev. "Seller Robert Hoffman had relocated Rolladen, the shutter manufacturing company he owned, away from the warehouse and was motivated to sell." To read more, please [click here](#).

Copa Airlines recently announced it will begin nonstop service four times a week from Panama to **Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport**, on July 11, 2014. Fort Lauderdale will be Copa Airlines’ fourth destination in Florida, its tenth in the U.S., and its 69th destination overall. To read more, please [click here](#).

GrayRobinson, one of the fastest growing law firms in Florida with more than 270 attorneys and 11 offices across the state, is expanding its Boca Raton office. The full-service law firm is moving to a larger space in its current Mizner Park Office location. To read more, please [click here](#).

With three South Florida locations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton, **GrayRobinson**, P.A. has been recognized as a “Top Law Firm” in the 2014 South Florida Legal Guide. Additionally, 15 of its South Florida attorneys have been honored with the “Top Lawyers” recognition, and one attorney has been named a “Top Up and Comer.” These distinctions honor attorneys who have earned a high level of respect for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity. South Florida Legal Guide compiles its annual top listings by

conducting extensive peer-review surveys completed by South Florida lawyers who confidentially nominate and evaluate their professional peers and peers' firms.

The **Marine Industries Association of South Florida** announced recently that it has appointed Phil Purcell as the new Executive Director of the largest marine industry association in Florida. The appointment of Mr. Purcell, a leading yacht industry executive with extensive marine industry sales experience, signals a renewed focus on industry promotion at the association that owns the largest annual in-water boat show in the world, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. To read more, please [click here](#).

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) President George L. Hanbury, Ph.D., will present the President's Award for Excellence in Community Service to philanthropists Winifred and Joseph Amaturio at the university's annual Celebration of Excellence event on Feb. 1, 2014. This year's event has special significance as NSU celebrates its 50th anniversary. Established in 1997, the President's Excellence in Community Service Award recognizes extraordinary professional engagement activities by a member of the South Florida community. The award encourages the ongoing pursuit of service and exemplifies NSU's "community" core value. To read more, please [click here](#).

Port Everglades has once again been selected "Best U.S. Homeport" by nationally recognized cruise travel magazine Porthole. This is the second consecutive year Port Everglades has received the "Editor-In-Chief Award" as the best departure port in the country and has previously won the award from 2009 to 2011. To read more, please [click here](#).

The **South Florida Symphony Orchestra** presents its second Masterworks Concert of the season, "Doublespeak & Hidden Meanings," at four South Florida venues: Tennessee Williams Theatre, Key West on Thursday Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale on Friday Jan. 31 at 8 p.m., the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on Saturday Feb. 1 at 8 p.m., and Delray Beach Center for the Arts on Monday Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. To read more, please [click here](#).

Stiles, a full-service real estate development firm based in Fort Lauderdale, announced recently that construction on its newest Publix grocery-anchored shopping center in Hollywood's West Lake Commons, is 60 percent complete and on-track to open in April 2014 with a roster of quality national and local tenants. Along with Publix and Publix Liquors, new tenants include: Starbucks; Pollo Tropical; Wells Fargo; UPS; TLC Dental; AIO Wireless; China Wok; and Organic Nail Bar. To read more, please [click here](#).

Stiles Realty, a division of Fort Lauderdale-based full-service real estate firm Stiles, announced recently that Comcast Spotlight, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable, will lease 14,218 square feet at Offices at Miramar Town Center located in Miramar. The media and technology services provider signed a 7.5-year lease bringing the center to 100 percent occupancy. To read more, please [click here](#).

Signaling robust market demand for quality retail properties in urban downtown locations, **Stiles Realty** announced the \$9.2 million sale of the retail condo portion of the Waverly at Las Olas in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The property totaling 22,655 square feet captured approximately \$406 per square foot, the highest price per square foot since 2012 for retail property along North Federal Highway in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. To read more, please [click here](#).

This year, The **Research Park at Florida Atlantic University** is working with **FAU's** Charles E. Schmidt College of Science to generate interest in the Science Olympiad. If you are interested in getting involved please visit: <http://www.science.fau.edu/scienceolympiad/>

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Upcoming Alliance Events

Please mark your calendars now for the 2014 Mid-Year Luncheon at Pier 66 on Thursday, May 22, at 11:15 a.m. and the Annual Meeting & Dinner at Signature Grand on Thursday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Members Only)

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

City of Wilton Manors

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

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Members Only)

Tuesday, March 18 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location Becker & Poliakoff

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

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Members Only)

Wednesday, March 19 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

GUNSTER, Fort Lauderdale

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

Alliance Governor Council Meeting (Members Only)

Tuesday, March 25 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location TBA

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

Alliance Council Connect Wine Tasting Event (By Invitation Only)

Sponsored by FPL

Wines by the Great American Wine Competition

Wednesday, February 26 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The New Grateful Palate on the Intracoastal, Fort Lauderdale

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

Alliance Mid-Year Meeting & Luncheon

Thursday, May 22 11:15 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale

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

Alliance Annual Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, October 23 5:30 p.m.

Signature Grand, Davie

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

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Enterprise Florida Events

Singapore Air Show 2014

February 11 - 16, 2014

Location: Singapore

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Aerospace/Aviation

Region: Asia and the Pacific

TEAM Florida Trade Mission to the Dominican Republic

February 23 - 26, 2014

Location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Event Type: International Trade and Investment

Industry Sector: Information Technology

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 [click here](#).

Member/Partner Events

Safe Streets Summit

Friday, January 31 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Marriott Hollywood

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

South Florida Symphony Orchestra: Double Speak & Hidden Meanings

Friday, January 31 7:30 p.m.

Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

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

ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean - The Money Chase

Tuesday, February 4 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Conrad Miami

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

Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series: Jeanette Walls

Wednesday, February 12 8:00 p.m.

Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

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

Alliance member discount code: BUS13

Smart Redevelopment, Smart Partnerships, Smart Growth

Thursday, February 13 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nova Southeastern University, Davie

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

South Florida Business Journal Business of the Year Awards Nomination Deadline

Friday, February 14

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

Broward Means Business: Business Development Workshop (How to Do Business with Broward County)

Thursday, February 20 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

North Regional / Broward College Library, 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek

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

Six Pillars First Annual Report to the Community

Friday, February 21 7:15 – 9:15 a.m.

Broward College North Campus, Coconut Creek

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

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce 104th Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 27 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale

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

South Florida Business Journal's 2014 Best Places to Work Awards

Thursday, February 27 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Signature Grand, Davie

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

Lifestyle Media Group's Up & Comer Awards

Thursday, February 27 5:30 p.m.

Gallery of Amazing Things, Dania Beach

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

22nd Annual FAU Business Leader of the Year Breakfast Honoring Jordan Zimmerman

Friday, February 28 8:00 a.m.

Boca Raton Resort

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

Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Board Installation and Business Leaders Awards Luncheon

Friday, February 28 11:30 a.m.

Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa, Hollywood

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

Calendar items are subject to change without notice. Please visit 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).

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