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Following is a summary of recent and upcoming economic development news, stories and events.

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Watch for the upcoming special feature “Saluting Educational Excellence in Broward County Public Schools” in the Sun Sentinel on Sunday, April 27. Read more here.

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REGISTER NOW for the Alliance Mid-Year Luncheon, May 22
The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Mid-Year luncheon, presented by FPL, will be held Thursday, May 22 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Pier 66. This event sells out every year so make sure you register today to guarantee space. Join Presenting sponsor: FPL; Platinum sponsors: Broward College, Hyatt Regency Pier 66, JM Family Enterprises, Lifestyle Media Group, South Florida Business Journal; and Gold sponsor Florida Blue. Interested in sponsoring? Broward’s top business audience will recognize your support. Contact Gail Bultin at gbultin@gflalliance.org, or 954-627-0127 for sponsorship opportunities. For more information, please visit: www.gflalliance.org/midyear.

Stemtech to Relocate Headquarters to Pembroke Pines
Stemtech International, Inc., The Stem Cell Nutrition Company®, recently announced the relocation of its International Headquarters and Manufacturing/R&D laboratory from San Clemente, California to Pembroke Pines. Officials from the company and its location advisory consultants ADP worked closely with Enterprise Florida, the City of Pembroke Pines and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance CEO Council to craft state and local incentives that will result in the addition of 90 new jobs at an average salary of approximately $65,849, along with providing $1.350 million in capital investment for construction/renovations and office equipment for both the
headquarters office facility at 2010 NW 150th Avenue in Pembroke Pines and a manufacturing/R&D laboratory space to be located in a separate facility. To read more, please click here.

**MarBlue to Expand International Headquarters and R&D Operations in Hollywood**
Governor Rick Scott recently announced that MarBlue, one of the world’s top manufacturers of accessories for mobile devices, is expanding its international headquarters and R&D facility in downtown Hollywood. The expansion will create 28 new jobs and a capital investment of $2.9 million. The jobs created with this expansion will almost double the number of Floridians already working at the company’s headquarters. Governor Scott said, “The expansion of MarBlue in Hollywood is great news for Florida families. Since December 2010, we have created more than 500,000 private-sector jobs and the unemployment rate is down to 5.3 percent here in Broward County. Let’s keep working to create an opportunity economy that allows families to live the American Dream.” To read more, please click here.

**Site Selection Magazine Profiles Greater Fort Lauderdale**
An Investment Profile on Greater Fort Lauderdale recently appeared in the March/April 2014 edition of Site Selection Magazine, titled, “Headquarters City, Fla.” written by Ron Starner, EVP and General Manager of Conway Data/Site Selection who was a guest at the Alliance’s inaugural CEO Council Boat Show hosting event in 2012. Ron also wrote Investment Profiles in 2013 “Many Happy Landings”, 2012 “Changing Minds” and 2011 “Headquarters for the World” - which remained the number one “Most Popular/Most Viewed” online article at Site Selection.com and SiteNet.com through January 2013. To download the 2014 investment profile, please click here.

**First-Ever Governor’s Cup Top 10 Ranking for Florida**
Governor Rick Scott recently announced that, for the first time ever, Florida ranked in the top 10 for the Governor’s Cup by Site Selection Magazine. The Governor's Cup 2013 ranking is given to the states with the most new and expanded corporate facilities. Florida’s 9th-place recognition is based on the steady growth of the state’s economic success in the last year. To read more, please click here.

**Florida Companies Report More Than $62 Million in Total Projected Sales from Singapore Airshow**
Secretary of Commerce and president & CEO of Enterprise Florida (EFI), Gray Swoope announced that the EFI-led Singapore Airshow resulted in more than $62.3 million in expected sales for 22 Florida companies and organizations. The Singapore Airshow was held February 11-16 and is Asia's largest aerospace and defense exhibition. To read more, please click here.

**Flying to Panama gets easier with new Copa Airlines flights starting in July**
This article, by Arlene Satchell, appeared in the Sun Sentinel on March 27, 2014. Copa Airlines doesn't have the name recognition of JetBlue or Southwest for South Florida travelers, but the Latin American carrier is aiming to change that with new service to Panama that launches July 11. Officials of the Panamanian carrier were at the B Ocean Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday to promote the new flights to hoteliers, tour operators and members of the business community, hoping to “spread the word that there is a new player in town that can compete with anybody and has competed successfully,” said Joseph Mohan, Copa’s vice president of commercial and planning. To read more, please click here.

**Nominations Open for Alliance World-Class Faculty Member**
The Alliance’s Educational Excellence Builds Business (E²B²) Action Team is seeking applications for the Alliance’s Annual World Class Faculty award. The deadline to nominate a faculty member is April 10. For more information, contact Gail Buffin.

**“Saluting Educational Excellence” Section Coming Soon**
Watch for the upcoming special feature “Saluting Educational Excellence in Broward County Public Schools” in the Sun Sentinel on Sunday, April 27.

This special section, sponsored by Broward College, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the Sun Sentinel will highlight educational excellence in each of the Broward County Public Schools high schools, along with recognizing outstanding senior students.

Broward College, FAU and Palm Beach State College Awarded $3.5 Million Florida TEAm Grant to Accelerate Pipeline for Computer Science and Engineering Students
The Board of Governors has awarded Broward College (BC), Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and Palm Beach State College (PBSC) a $3.5-million state grant to create an accelerated pipeline for students in the economically important fields of computer science and computer engineering. The partnership was developed in response to the Florida Board of Governors’ Targeted Educational Attainment (TEAm) grant program, which is part of an ambitious effort to align university and college degrees with the state’s future workforce needs. The grants went to collaborative higher education projects designed to produce more students for careers in high-need areas, from accounting to computer information and technology. To read more, please click here.

U.S. News & World Report Ranks NSU’s Shepard Broad Law Center No. 5 Nationally for Diversity
Nova Southeastern University’s Shepard Broad Law Center was ranked No. 5 nationally, for diversity in U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Graduate Schools for Law,” released March 11. The Law School Diversity Index also indicates that the Law Center ranks first for diversity amongst all law schools in Florida. The Diversity Index identified law schools in which students are most likely to encounter classmates from a different racial or ethnic group, according to the website. In compiling the data, U.S. News did not include law schools enrolling a large proportion of students from any one ethnic group, since there is a low likelihood that law students at that school will encounter peers from a different ethnic group other than their own. To read more, please click here.

DJJ and Broward County Public Schools Honor Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year Finalist
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Deputy Secretary Christy Daly and Broward County Public Schools Superintendent Robert W. Runcie recently honored Florence “Flo” Cancilla as a state finalist for the 2012/13 Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year, during a ceremony at the Pompano Youth Treatment Center (YTC). To read more, please click here.

Everglades High School Is An “A” School
Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is excited to announce that Everglades High School is receiving an “A” grade from the Florida Department of Education for the 2012/13 school year. This marks the third consecutive year that Everglades High School has received the state’s highest grade. To read more, please click here.

BCPS Teacher of the Year Finalists Announced
Two elementary school teachers, two middle school teachers, one high school teacher, and one alternative school teacher round out the six Teacher of the Year finalists selected to be among the best of the best in Broward County Public Schools (BCPS). One of the finalists will be named Broward’s top teacher at the annual Caliber Awards recognizing Broward’s outstanding teachers on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., at the Broward Convention Center. Presenting sponsor of the Caliber Awards event is BrightStar Credit Union. To read more, please click here.

Nova High School Euro Challenge Team Takes First Place Team Advances to Compete for National Title
Nova High School students are making their mark in the world of economics. The Nova Euro Challenge Team won first place in the preliminary rounds of the 2014 Euro Challenge. The competition, which took place at Florida International University on March 13, 2014, included schools from South and Central Florida. The team’s next challenge takes them on an all-expense paid trip to New York for a chance to compete for the national title. To read more, please click here.

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Broward County is the first county government in the United States to achieve a four-star certification under the Sustainability Tools for Assessing & Rating (STAR) Communities, recognized for “national excellence” in community sustainability. The County’s Natural Resources Planning and Management Division led the community-wide effort to collect and analyze data from more than 30 different County departments and community partners on more than 500 initiatives across seven categories: Built Environment; Climate and Energy; Economy and Jobs; Education, Arts and Community; Equality and Empowerment; Health and Safety; and Natural Systems. To read more, please click here.

A delegation from Broward County led by Mayor Barbara Sharief recently returned from a successful export development mission to Dominican Republic, which resulted in further strengthening of local trade relations with this important international partner. The mission was organized by Enterprise Florida, Florida's official economic development organization, and included Broward County’s Port Everglades, Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development and 16 private Broward County businesses – record attendance from the local community for a mission of this type. A total of 137 delegates from throughout Florida participated in the mission. To read more, please click here.

CBRE arranged the sale of Shoppes at Independence Bay, a 15,084-square-foot, unanchored multi-tenant retail center located at 1101 South Powerline Road in Deerfield Beach. The buyer, Village Square Plaza, Inc., purchased the property for $3,130,769, from Townsend Square, LLC, owned by Florida-based Rosemurgy Properties, a commercial real estate development, investment and management firm. To read more, please click here.

The Broward County Aviation Department has installed ten automated passport control kiosks for use at Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport’s Terminal 4 in partnership with United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The intent is to expedite the processing of inbound travelers who hold United States and Canadian passports. The kiosks will capture and validate travel document and customs declaration data, photograph the face of the passenger processing the entry passport, and print a receipt to present to a CBP Officer. To read more, please click here.

GrayRobinson has announced the promotion of Jeffrey T. Kuntz from Senior Associate to Shareholder. He is a member of the Appellate and Litigation practices. To read more, please click here.

GUNSTER, one of Florida's oldest and largest full-service business law firms, is pleased to announce that Fabienne Fahnestock, an attorney in its Fort Lauderdale office, joins the 2014 boards of directors for Coast-to-Coast Legal Aid of South Florida and Legal Aid Service of Broward County. She was sworn in on January 29 by Ilona Holmes, circuit court judge for the 17th judicial district. To read more, please click here.

GUNSTER is pleased to announce that attorney Heidi Davis Knapik has joined the board of directors for the South Florida chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP). Knapik is a shareholder in GUNSTER’s Fort Lauderdale office. She focuses her practice on land use, environmental and real estate law, representing commercial, residential and industrial developers and property owners in all areas of land use and zoning matters. Knapik is the Vice Chair of the Alliance’s Leadership Council. – Congratulations, Heidi! To read more, please click here.

The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship's South Florida Outreach Division will host the first Advice Straight Up: Expert Entrepreneur Speaker Series on Tuesday, April 15, at the Urban League of Broward County. The breakfast lecture is designed to provide business leaders, non-profit CEOs and entrepreneurs access to nationally recognized speakers from some of the country's best companies who will share their experiences and insights about building innovative businesses. To read more, please click here.

Five municipal officials from Durban, South Africa, visited Port Everglades on Tuesday, March 11, to learn about the operations of the South Florida port. Major expansions are planned for the Port of Durban, South Africa’s busiest port and the second-busiest port in Africa. The Durban delegation was particularly interested in learning about the efforts at Port Everglades to promote sustainability and mitigate environmental impacts of port development. To read more, please click here.

Port Everglades made a splash recently, releasing its new video at Cruise Shipping Miami. The video incorporates the Port’s “splash” theme with animated water droplets and cresting waves introducing different segments of the 3-minute video. Each segment features the advantages of cruising from Port Everglades – location, speed, service, flexibility and Greater Fort Lauderdale as a vibrant, sunny vacation destination. To read more and watch the video, please click here.

The USS New York, with a bow stem crafted out of 7.5 tons of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, will call at Port Everglades for a week, from April 28 through May 5 for Fleet Week. Its approximately 360 sailors and 100 Marines will enjoy liberty, host the public on ship tours and participate in community service projects. To read the article by Robert Nolin from the Sun-Sentinel, please click here.

For the second year in a row, the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University has reported outstanding year-to-year growth. Its Report to the Community documents significant progress made in 2013 toward positioning the Research Park as the preeminent R&D destination for innovative technology businesses. To read more, please click here.
Stiles Realty announced that local commercial real estate veteran Lee Wheeler has joined its ranks. Wheeler, a 34-year real estate professional, joined the company on February 3rd as senior advisor, reporting to Stiles Realty President Paul Marko. He will be based out of Stiles’ headquarters in Fort Lauderdale. This strategic hire comes at a time when Stiles Realty looks to build on the momentum it is creating in core markets throughout Florida, where it has recently expanded its team. To read more, please click here.

Leadership Council
Friends of WLRN, led by Victor Kendall, join the Alliance at the Leadership level. The Friends of WLRN are the viewers and listeners from all over South Florida who provide crucial funding for WLRN Channel 17. They are the more than 16,000 families, individuals, and businesses in the area who support the creative and unique programming the station delivers to the public. As CEO of Friends of WLRN, Kendall oversees these efforts, bringing the best of national and local programs to the area. Before joining WLRN, Victor was a music instructor at Grinnell College, Franconia College, and Dickinson College, and he gained tremendous experience as an administrator in the performing arts and public media. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music from John Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and a Master of Arts in Ethnomusicology from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Entrepreneurship Council
For more than two decades, Malcolm MacInnes gained a wealth of experience in the construction industry, working primarily on commercial office building projects. His career began in Boston, working with John Moriarty and Associates, and later moved to Florida to help the company expand. Malcom founded MGM General Contracting, Inc. to provide the expertise and vast resources of a large general contracting firm, with the flexibility and client-focused approach of a smaller firm. MGM combines a high level of experience with low fixed costs to provide their clients with an exceptional value.

Corporate Council
Lesley Warrick, Executive Director of the Seafarers’ House, joins the Alliance this month. Seafarers’ House began in 1989 with four telephones and a 400-square-foot hospitality center located in Port Everglades. Today, the organization is proud to be a leader of a 200-year-old tradition that is active in hundreds of ports worldwide, welcoming some 100,000 visiting mariners to its 4,200-square-foot Fort Lauderdale facility. The Seafarers’ House at Port Everglades is open throughout the year as a safe, friendly place where mariners can connect to their families, relax, ask questions about the community, and get emergency assistance when needed. They have a
professional staff that offers specialization in maritime affairs, including worship and pastoral counseling, improvement of living and working conditions, and securing medical care, among others.

**Seafarer's House**

![Lesley Warrick](image)

Lesley Warrick

**Entrepreneurship Council**

Margaret Delmont Sanchez serves as the Zambrano Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer. The mission of the Zambrano Foundation is to develop, promote, and empower innovative education and social programs in disenfranchised societies to strengthen democracy, equality, economic development, and arts and culture. The foundation’s goal is to develop the next generation of America’s leaders – through education and instilling values of an ethical society in order to promote democratic ideals – who will then educate and motivate the voting public to take an active role in building and sustaining democracies throughout the Americas. The foundation’s Chairman, Jose J. Zambrano, is a native of Venezuela with nearly 30 years’ experience working in the insurance and banking industries.

**Zambrano Foundation**

![Margaret Delmont Sanchez](image)

Margaret Delmont Sanchez

**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 Ray Ferrero, Jr. of Nova Southeastern University continues to promote Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County as a top choice for businesses to relocate or expand. On March 17, 2013, Stemtech International, Inc. announced the relocation of its International Headquarters and Manufacturing/ R&D laboratory from San Clemente, California to Pembroke Pines. (See Top Stories). The CEO Council also co-sponsored the CoreNet Southeast Florida Chapter Spring meeting with special guests, CoreNet Global CEO, Angela Cain and Director of Coca Cola Global Corporate Real Estate, Matt Fanoe and Michelle Myer, Vice President - Americas Real Estate & Facilities, at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 on March 7, 2014. Robin Ronne, CEO Council Managing Director, serves as Vice President of the CoreNet Global Southeast Florida Chapter Board of Directors.

The Governor Council, chaired by Melanie Dickinson of the South Florida Business Journal met most recently on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at RoboVault. Susan D. McGregor, President and General Manager and Bruce Tang, Director of Fine Art and Antique Services discussed the growing “passion” collecting industry and the high tech methods used to keep collections of fine art, jewelry, exotic cars and even priceless wine collections.

The Governor Council's Education Action Team (E²B³) developed a new application form for the Alliance Mid-Year education award honoring our world class faculty in South Florida. Deadline is April 10. For more information, contact Gail Bulfin.

The Governor Council’s Port Everglades Action Team, chaired by Terry Stiles of Stiles, reports great progress supporting Port Everglades with their plans to widen and deepen the harbor channel in order to handle the larger ships now being built and, in anticipation of greater opportunity with the widening of the Panama Canal. The team held a meeting February 24 to a packed house. In addition to the PEAT team, Representative Lois Frankel called in to update the progress in DC. She encouraged the business community to keep the pressure up, especially with our local representatives (Rubio, Nelson, Diaz-Balart). The team was updated on the trip to DC to press the issue for continued support of Port Everglades. The team got great feedback on the ad it ran in The Hill, and on the effectiveness of the personal visit to DC from the business community.
The Permitting Action Team continues to meet and support the County’s ePermit initiative; several Alliance Platinum Permitting Cities are taking the lead in working with ePermits subcommittees.

The Leadership Council, chaired by Stefan Pittinger of Peak 10, hosted its March meeting at the brand new offices of Becker & Poliakoff at 1 East Broward Blvd. in Ft Lauderdale. Jennifer Bales Drake, Becker & Poliakoff, hosted the meeting. The Council revisited the topic of destination casinos and gambling since it is on the legislative docket for the current session. Speakers included Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff, Robert Wyre, GM, The Isle Casino and Racing at Pompano Park and Tim Ritvo, CEO / President, Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino and the Stronach Group Racing.

The Corporate Council, chaired by Sandra Mayor of BankUnited, was hosted in January 2014 by Transwestern and Cushman Wakefield at 110 Tower located at 110 SE 6th Street in Fort Lauderdale. The Council was addressed by Mr. Stan Eichelbaum, President – Planning Developments, Inc. and Marketing Developments, Inc. Mr. Eichelbaum presented on the topic: “South Florida, Perspectives on our Potential.” The Council also met on March 19 at Gunster Law Firm, where County Administrator Bertha Henry gave an update on the status of various economic drivers in Broward including Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport, the Wave streetcar, Beach renourishment and other items. The Corporate Council’s BRAVO Action Team, chaired by Scott Toth, Floridian Community Bank, has continued to have a great year and is well on the way to reaching the goal of 175 visits this year with 85 visits already being completed. The International Action Team, co-chaired by Marcel Summermatter of TD Bank and Glenn Cooper of Gray Robinson has been very busy hosting representatives from various delegations including China, Macedonia, Sweden, Mataró, Spain, France, Italy and Germany.

The Entrepreneurship Council, chaired by Peyton Moore of Avison Young, met in January at the Broward College Business Incubator located at 6400 NW 6th Way in Fort Lauderdale. Members of the Council heard from Rob Strandberg, President and CEO of the Enterprise Development Corporation of South Florida (EDC). The EDC is a public/private partnership that assists emerging science and technology companies in South Florida. Mr. Strandberg spoke about the EDC’s expanding network of incubators in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. Presently the EDC is responsible for oversight of the Tech-Walk incubator in Coral Springs, the Broward College Business Incubator in Fort Lauderdale’s Cypress Creek Corridor, Pipeline Brickell, MEC 261 and Lab Miami. The EDC conducts a mentor/protégé program assisting companies in areas of professional development, finance and marketing. The Council also met on March 12 at the Alliance and featured guest speaker Jennifer Brin-Kovach of the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship. The council’s Economic Gardening Action Team, chaired by David Kresge of Regions Bank delivered its first of three Economic Gardening CEO Forums on February 19. Future events are scheduled for May 9, 2014 and August 22.

The Partner Council, chaired by Mike Stamm of the City of Pembroke Pines, met in March and was hosted by Richard Hughes with the City of Miramar. March’s speaker, Ken Morris, President, Morris Southeast Group/CORFAC and longtime supporter of the Alliance, gave a presentation titled, “Broward Office and Industrial Markets Overview.” With his extensive knowledge of the real-estate markets on both the local and national levels, Ken was able to provide several interesting insights into those markets and how space needs have changed in light of some key technological advancements and corporate restructurings over the last decade.

Alliance Council Connect Highlights

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance hosted our quarterly Council Connect cocktail party at the new Grateful Palate, sponsored by Ben Wesley, FPL, and the chairman of the board of the Alliance. This annual wine event showcased fine selections from Shari Gherman and the Great American Fine Wine Competition. The Grateful Palate host Adam Irvin and his staff opened their doors to over 100 Alliance members for a memorable culinary feast. For more information on The American Fine Wine Competition, visit http://americanfinewinecompetition.org. For more information on the Grateful Palate, call 954-566-2855 or visit www.thegratefulpalate.net. For sponsorship opportunities within the Alliance, contact Gail Bulfin, VP Membership Development, gbulf@gfalliance.org.
Upcoming Alliance Events

**Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Members Only)**
Thursday, April 10  8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 or at [hkulp@gflalliance.org](mailto:hkulp@gflalliance.org)
Business for the Arts Broward Cultural Tour  
Friday, April 11 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale  
*Sponsored by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance – seats still available*  
For more information, please [click here](#).

Alliance Governor Council Meeting (Members Only)  
Tuesday, April 29  8:30 - 10:00 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 Mid-Year Meeting & Luncheon  
Thursday, May 22  11:15 a.m.  
Location: Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

Alliance Council Connect (Members Only)  
Thursday, June 5  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Location: GALLERYOne Fort Lauderdale - A DoubleTree Suites by Hilton  
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 23  5:30 p.m.  
Location: Signature Grand, Davie  
*Keynote Speaker: Jim Clifton, Chairman of Gallup*  
For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

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Enterprise Florida Events

**Palm Beach Strategic Forum**  
April 7 - 8  
Location: Palm Beach County Convention Center  
Event Type: Trade Conference

**2014 International Days**  
April 7 - 9  
Location: Tallahassee  
Event Type: Trade Conference

**Expo Seguridad 2014**  
April 8 - 10  
Location: Mexico City, Mexico  
Event Type: International Trade Show

**Infosecurity Europe 2014**  
April 8 - 10  
Location: Mexico City, Mexico  
Event Type: International Trade Show

**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

**2014 International Trade Certificate Program Deadline**  
Friday, April 4  
For more information, please [click here](#).
Museum of Discovery and Science Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration
Friday, April 4   6:00 p.m.
Museum of Discovery and Science, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

Women in Distress Starfish Gala
Saturday, April 5   7:00 p.m.
Signature Grand, Davie
For more information, please click here.

Latin America 2014: Post-Commodities Boom Scenarios
Thursday, April 10   8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Hyatt Regency Coral Gables
For more information, please click here.

2014 St. Anthony Gentlemen's Dinner Honoring Mayor Jack Seiler
Thursday, April 10   6:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

Business for the Arts Broward Cultural Tour
Friday, April 11 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale
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Mayor Sharief Presents Business Loan Seminar Series
Saturday, April 12   10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Miramar Branch Library
For more information, please click here.

Advice Straight Up Speaker Series - Frans Johansson
Tuesday, April 15   8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Urban League of Broward County
For more information, please click here.

Building a Security and Compliance Program
Wednesday, April 16   1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Peak 10 Webinar
For more information, please click here.

ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean - Vision Awards Nomination Deadline
Thursday, April 17   5:00 p.m.
For more information, please click here.

Center for Hemispheric Policy: General John F. Kelly
Thursday, April 17   8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Hyatt Regency Coral Gables
For more information, please click here.

Mayor Sharief Presents Business Loan Seminar Series
Thursday, April 17   6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

Broward College Presents the Fort Lauderdale Speaker Series: Soledad O'Brien
Wednesday, April 23   8:00 p.m.
Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please click here.

Alliance member discount code: BUS13
FICCI-IIFA Global Business Forum 2014
April 24-25
Tampa Convention Center
For more information, please click here.

ULI South Florida: Arts & Development - Building Smart and Beautiful
Monday, April 28 3 p.m.
Perez Art Museum, Miami
For more information, please click here.

Leadership Broward Foundation Fun Lunch
Wednesday, April 28 3 p.m.
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood
For more information, please click here.

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

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