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Alliance Announces New Jobs, Presents Leadership Awards and Installs Mike Moore as new Chairman at Annual Meeting

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's official public/private partnership for economic development, reported at its 2014 annual meeting on Thursday, October 23 that it helped attract 21 new company relocations and expansions during its 2013-14 fiscal year that ended September 30. This resulted in more than 1,400 new value added jobs, more than 5,000 retained jobs and more than \$267 million in new capital investment. To read more, please [click here](#).

New Volunteer Leaders Announced for Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

Mike Moore, Managing Director, COI access, has been named Chairman of the Board for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Moore will formally assume the Chairmanship when the economic development organization's gavel is passed from 2013-2014 Chairman Ben Wesley, External Affairs Manager, Florida Power and Light, at the Alliance's Annual Meeting and Dinner on October 23 at the Signature Grand in Davie. To read more, please [click here](#).

SeaLand to Open Miramar Headquarters Location

Governor Rick Scott recently announced that SeaLand will locate its corporate headquarters in Miramar. The shipping company will create 65 jobs and a capital investment of \$350,000 in the South Florida community. Governor Scott said, "The opening of SeaLand's headquarters in Miramar is great news for area families, and the 65 new jobs that will be created will help more families live the American Dream here in Florida. Since December 2010, we have created 651,300 private-sector jobs and we will continue working to create an opportunity economy where every Floridian who wants a job can get one." To read more, please [click here](#).

Valley Forge Fabrics Returns to Fort Lauderdale in New Facility

Valley Forge Fabrics, Inc., a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of high end fabrics and textiles and the largest supplier of decorative upholstery fabrics for the hospitality industry worldwide, announced its return and expansion to Fort Lauderdale to a newly remodeled facility at 1650 W. McNab Road. With this expansion, the company will be retaining its current 120 employees and creating 40 new full time jobs in its Fort Lauderdale facility. In addition to purchasing and remodeling the 75,000 sq. ft. building to code, the company is evaluating multiple green building strategies as the foundation of their business is built on sustainability. To read more, please [click here](#).

Lupin Announces Expansion in Coral Springs

Lupin, Inc., a research-oriented pharmaceutical company headquartered in India, has announced the expansion of its operations in Coral Springs. The project will create at least 45 high-skilled positions in Broward County. To read more, please [click here](#).

CareerSource Broward and Startup Quest™ Celebrate South Florida's Best and Brightest during Pitch Day at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 150 Entrepreneurs to Participate

CareerSource Broward and Startup Quest™ will host the Startup Quest™ Fall 2014 Pitch Day in the Amaturio Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Eleven teams of entrepreneurs will bring their disruptive and game-changing ideas for industries such as biotechnology, education, mobile communications, social media and more to be judged by a panel of South Florida CEOs, Angel Investors and Business Leaders. To read more, please [click here](#).

New Study Shows Growth Surge for Southern Florida Marine Industry

South Florida's marine industry has seen substantial gains with both economic impact and the number of jobs created during the past four years according to a study released by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. To read more, please [click here](#).

Magic Leap Raises \$542 Million in Series B Funding

Magic Leap, Inc. ("Magic Leap") recently announced that it has completed a \$542 million Series B financing. The company will use the proceeds to accelerate product development, release software development tools, expand its content ecosystem, and commercialize its proprietary mobile wearable system. The financing was led by Google Inc., with participation from Qualcomm Incorporated, through its venture investment group, Qualcomm Ventures, Legendary Entertainment, including a personal investment from CEO Thomas Tull, KKR, Vulcan Capital, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Andreessen Horowitz, Obvious Ventures, and other investors. To read more, please [click here](#).

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

Broward County Public Schools SMART Needs Assessment Facility (School) Reports Now Available Online

Broward County Public Schools SMART Capital Program Needs Assessment Facility (School) Reports are now available online. These individual school-level reports are the result of a comprehensive district-wide Needs Assessment, which provided an objective, data-driven overview of the District, as well as a strategic planning tool for prioritizing facility needs. The development of the Needs Assessment Facility Reports included robust discussion and input by School Board members and the community during several School Board workshops. While the overall Needs Assessment identified more than \$3 billion in capital facility needs districtwide, SMART projects are prioritized based on industry best practices to address the most urgent needs and to ensure limited District resources are efficiently and effectively utilized. To read more, please [click here](#).

Bringing Engineering to Life in the Classroom: Raytheon Awards National Scholarship to BCPS Teacher

Congratulations to Melissa Tobar of Colbert Elementary School who is a 2013 Raytheon-Engineering is Elementary® (EiE) Teacher Scholarship recipient. Tobar is among 32 elementary school teachers from across the nation who are also recipients. To read more, please [click here](#).

Bayview Elementary School Music Teacher Named Florida Music Educator of the Year

Congratulations to Bayview Elementary School music teacher Robert Todd on being named the Florida Music Educators Association's (FMEA) 2015 Music Educator of the Year. The award recognizes teachers who make outstanding contributions to music education in their schools and throughout the state. Each year, the FMEA recognizes superior educators who go beyond traditional limits to promote quality music education. To read more, please [click here](#).

BCPS Holds Construction Services Business Opportunity Trade Fair

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Procurement and Warehousing Services Department hosted a Construction Services Business Opportunity Trade Fair on Thursday, October 30, 2014, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the TSSC Annex, 7770 W Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise. To read more, please [click here](#).

BCPS Selected for \$3.7 Million Federal School Climate Grant

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is proud to be one of only 71 school districts across the country, and only five school districts in Florida, to be selected by the U.S. Department of Education for its School Climate Transformation Grant. This grant will provide \$3.7

million in funding to BCPS over five years (approximately \$750,000 per year) to develop, enhance and/or expand programs that support improving behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students. To read more, please [click here](#).

BCPS Receives Support From Broward Legislative Delegation – \$200,000 in State Funding For Minority Male Mentoring Initiative

Broward County Public Schools was recently presented a check for \$200,000 by Florida State Representative Shevrin Jones and members of the Broward Legislative Delegation in support of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Minority Male Mentoring Initiative. Members of the delegation were on hand for a special check presentation to School Board members and Superintendent Robert W. Runcie at the September 16, 2014, regular School Board meeting. To read more, please [click here](#).

NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center Named A "Best" Law School By The Princeton Review

The Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Shepard Broad Law Center is one of the nation's most outstanding law schools, according to The Princeton Review (www.princetonreview.com). The education services company features the school in the new 2015 edition of its annual book, "The Best 169 Law Schools." To read more, please [click here](#).

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Business Briefs and Alliance Member News (Alliance Member Companies in Bold)

1st United Bank has merged with **Valley National Bank**. Valley is a full service commercial bank which will provide customers an expanded line of business and personal banking solutions. 1st United's experienced management team will join Valley to lead its continued expansion efforts in Florida, and complement Valley's growth initiatives in the New Jersey and New York Metropolitan markets. Valley's decision to enter the Florida market was due to, among other things, Valley's sizable residential mortgage and automobile lending platforms, past real estate and consumer lending experience in the Florida markets. To read more, please [click here](#).

CBRE arranged leases for four premier retail tenants at The Manor@Flagler Village, developer Related Group's new mixed-use development at 525 North Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale, which will feature 382 apartment units and 22,476 square feet of street-level retail. To read more, please [click here](#).

CBRE arranged the sale of a 55,300-square-foot office building strategically located off I-95 in Deerfield Beach. The Class B property at 1300 East Newport Center Drive was acquired from Deerfield Beach Associates, LLC, by 1300 Newport Center Drive, LLC, for \$5.4 million. CBRE represented the seller in the transaction. To read more, please [click here](#).

Two new solar-panel installations, constructed by **Florida Power & Light Company** on the grounds of the Technology Business Incubator (TBI), are now producing power, generating clean energy and providing real-life data for analysis by **Florida Atlantic University** scientists and students. FAU's Solar and Fuel Cell Laboratory was selected by FPL to conduct the study. The TBI, located in the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University, serves as the host of the installations, and a monitoring screen inside the TBI offices displays real-time output of the solar panels. The partnership is part of FPL's ongoing commitment to support technology education and clean-energy research in Florida. To read more, please [click here](#).

TAME, one of Ecuador's premiere airlines, has chosen **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport** (FLL) to launch new service to Quito, Ecuador. This is the first time TAME has ever operated to Greater Fort Lauderdale with daily nonstop service. Flights to Quito from Fort Lauderdale will begin on October 17, 2014. To read more, please [click here](#).

The popular Rock the Ocean's Tortuga Music Festival, which has drawn national acts and tens of thousands of fans to Fort Lauderdale beach, is promoting ocean conservation and awareness with post-concert check presentations to support the cause behind the music. This month, more than a dozen organizations that participated in the Guy Harvey Conservation Village are receiving donations from the **Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation** and Rock the Ocean Foundation. The two foundations thanked concert co-founder and producer HUKA Entertainment, which set up the infrastructure for the Guy Harvey Conservation Village and donated a percentage of ticket sales to support the cause. To read more, please [click here](#).

Miller Construction Company CEO Thomas J. Miller and the company's President Harley W. Miller are the University of Florida's 2014 Construction Hall of Fame honorees. In an October 18 ceremony at the Gainesville campus, the University's M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management inducted the two longtime construction industry and community leaders into its Construction Hall of Fame. The honor recognizes distinguished leaders who have earned the esteem of their peers, contributed to the construction of quality buildings and made a difference in their profession and communities. To read more, please [click here](#).

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners, which governs the Port as a self-funded enterprise fund, recently approved the **Port Everglades** 2014 Master/Vision Plan, which is the second update to the Port's original Plan approved in December 2007. Over the past year, Port staff and maritime consultant AECOM Technical Services, Inc. held more than 20 meetings with customers,

stakeholders and the general public to develop the Plan. To read more, please [click here](#). To view a video highlighting the master plan, [click here](#).

Construction of the world's largest Kia dealership has reached the top floor. **Rick Case Automotive Group** recently held a topping-out ceremony at its new dealership in Sunrise. Case is investing more than \$20 million in the five-floor, 260,000-square-foot store set to open early next year, according to the dealership group. To read more, please [click here](#).

With volatile international politics and markets driving growth of the job-creating U.S. Immigrant Investor (EB-5) program, Riviera Point Development Group recently announced plans for its third EB-5-funded office project in South Florida. The developer has retained **Stiles Realty** to lease Riviera Point Corporate Center. To read more, please [click here](#).

The United Way of Broward County said its Mission United program for military veterans has received a matching donation of \$50,000 from The Salah Foundation, run from South Florida. The Foundation had offered in March to match up to \$50,000 of funds raised or contributed by members of Mission United's Advisory Council through Sept. 30. To read more, please [click here](#).

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Upcoming Alliance Events

Alliance Entrepreneurship Council Meeting (Members Only)

Wednesday, November 12, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: TBA

For more information, please contact Liza Bongiovi at 954-627-0132 or at lbongiovi@gfalliance.org

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Members Only)

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

Location: Calypso Cove, Margate

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

Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Members Only)

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

Location: TBA

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

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Members Only)

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

Location: City Parking Garage Conference Room, Fort Lauderdale

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

Alliance Business Connect Boat Show Wrap-Up Breakfast (Members Only)

Friday, November 21 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tower Club

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

Alliance Governor Council (Members Only)

Tuesday, December 2 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Resolve Marine Group

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

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Enterprise Florida Events

Montreal International Game Summit 2014

November 10 – 11

Location: Montreal, Canada

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

Airshow China 2014

November 11 – 16

Zhuhai, Guangdong, China

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

Medica 2014

November 12 – 14

Location: Dusseldorf, Germany
For more information, [click here](#).

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

FAU Expo

Saturday, November 1
Location: FAU Stadium, Boca Raton
For more information, please [click here](#).

Broward County Public Schools: Ed Talk 2014

Saturday, November 1, 9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center
For more information, please [click here](#).

4th Annual SFTA Golf Classic

Tuesday, November 5, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Jacaranda Golf Club, Plantation
For more information, please [click here](#).

NAI Florida Forum

Wednesday, November 5, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Mayfair Hotel & Spa, Coconut Grove
For more information, please [click here](#).

Democracy in the Americas Symposium

November 6 – 7
Location: Miami-Dade College
For more information, please [click here](#).

Tower Forum: A Candid Conversation with Admiral William J. Fallon and Chancellor Ray Ferrero

Thursday, November 6 7:00 a.m.
Location: Tower Club, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please [click here](#).

Doing Business with the World

Thursday, November 6 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Design Center of the Americas, Dania Beach
For more information, please [click here](#).

South Florida Business Journal 2014 Business Growth Expo

Thursday, November 6 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Location: IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Museum, Dania Beach
For more information, please [click here](#).

Security Challenges in Latin America

Friday, November 7 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: Conrad Hotel Miami
For more information, please [click here](#).

South Florida Business Leaders' Luncheon honoring Nicki Grossman

Friday, November 7 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, please [click here](#).

Educación 3.0: The Struggle for Talent in Latin America

Wednesday, November 12 5:15 – 7:00 p.m.
Location: University of Miami, Coral Gables
For more information, please [click here](#).

South Florida Symphony Orchestra: Expressive Virtuosity

Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

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

SFRTA Small & Disadvantaged Business Forum

Thursday, November 13, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: SFRTA Administrative Office, Pompano Beach

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

How to Do Business with Broward County

Saturday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.

Location: West Regional Library, Plantation

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

Startup Quest™ Fall 2014 Pitch Day

Monday, November 17 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts

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

Colombia: First 100 Days of the Santos Administration

Tuesday, November 18 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Conrad Miami

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

Business for the Arts Broward Cultural Tour

Friday, November 21 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: ArtServe

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

4th Annual Fort Lauderdale Turkey Trot & Paddle

Thursday, November 27, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Fort Lauderdale Beach

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

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

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