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**Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Named one of America's Leading EDCs by *Global Trade* Magazine**

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance has been named one of America's leading economic development organizations by *Global Trade* Magazine. Global Trade is a media brand focused on domestic and global expansion processes, logistics efficiencies, strategic location, information technology and intelligent banking solutions for U.S. manufacturers that export and their logistics partners. To read more, please click here.

**Governor Scott Announces ProcessMAP Corporation Expansion to Create 120 New Jobs**

Today, Governor Scott announced that ProcessMAP Corporation, a web-based software and service provider, will be expanding in Sunrise and creating 120 new jobs. The expansion will also invest nearly $4 million in Broward County. ProcessMAP currently employs 70 Floridians. Governor Scott said, “I am excited to announce today that ProcessMAP will be expanding to create 120 new jobs in Sunrise. Successful technology companies like ProcessMAP help diversify our economy and create new opportunities for our families, and we will keep working to support this type of growth across the state so Florida can become first for jobs.” To read more, please click here.

**Florida Small Businesses report more than $7.5 Million in sales at Arab Health Trade Show**

The Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)-led trip to Arab Health 2016 resulted in more than $87.5 million in total export sales, including more than $7.5 million in actual sales and nearly $80 million in expected sales for 29 Florida life sciences companies. Florida has attended the show for nearly a decade and again hosted the largest pavilion of any state in attendance. To read more, please click here.
Florida CFO Jeff Atwater to Keynote Alliance Mid-Year Luncheon on May 19
State of Florida CFO Jeff Atwater will be the keynote speaker for the Alliance’s Mid-Year Luncheon, presented by FPL, on Thursday, May 19 at Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six. A fifth-generation Floridian, husband and father of four, Jeff Atwater was first elected Florida’s Chief Financial Officer on November 2, 2010, and sworn into office on January 4, 2011. He was reelected to a second term on November 4, 2014, and sworn into office on January 6, 2015. His commitment to public service began in 1993, when his hometown of North Palm Beach elected him Vice Mayor. Mr. Atwater was subsequently elected to the House of Representatives in 2000 and the Florida Senate in 2002 and was unanimously selected by his fellow senators to serve as Senate President in 2008. For more information on the luncheon, click here.

Save the Date for Six Pillars Broward Annual Report to the Community
Save the Date: Wednesday, April 6 from 7:15 – 9:30 a.m., for the Six Pillars Broward Annual Report to the Community, which will include breakfast, the annual Six Pillars update and will feature lessons learned from the recent Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance leadership trip to Austin, Texas. For more information, please click here.

Don’t Miss Out on the Who’s Who Membership Directory
The Alliance’s annual Who’s Who directory is about to go into production. This award-winning publication is sent to all members, elected officials around the state and key stakeholders in the economic development industry.

Updating your profile is easy. We basically need to know who your key Alliance members are, whether your contact information is correct and any updated data for your company profile. Best to keep it short and sweet and remember, this isn't an ad for your company but a basic profile of your company. **Deadline is Friday, March 11.**

Here’s how you do it with tips in parenthesis:

Login to Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, www.gflalliance.org.
Click “Member Center”
Click “My Account” (Members Only, not Who’s Who)
Enter your User ID (First Initial, Last Name ex. jsmith)
Enter your password (broward - unless you changed in your profile)
Click on "My Profile"
You can now update your profile.
Once updated, make sure you click **SAVE.**

Any problems, contact Tania at 954-627-0133 or email tvenaixa@gflalliance.org.

Interested in advertising? Below are the prices. **Deadline is Friday, March 11.**

**CEO Council Members**
Complimentary full-page black & white ad: Upgrade with 50% discount.
To upgrade to a full color page: $500

**Governor Council Members**
Complimentary half-page black & white ad
Full-page color ad: $1000
Half-page color ad: $500

**All Other Councils**
Full-page color: $1500
Half-page color: $900

**Ad Specs:**
Full Page: 4.5” W x 7.5” H; Vertical space High resolution, at least 300 dpi (JPG is fine)
Half Page: 4.5” x 3.625” H; Horizontal space; High resolution, at least 300 dpi (JPG is fine)

**Nominations are open for Alliance World Class Faculty and Economic Development Partner Awards**
The Alliance **Economic Development Partner of the Year** award will honor an organization (nonprofit, government entity, educational institution or business/professional association) that has demonstrated a major commitment to Economic Development in Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County. The award will be given each year at the Alliance Mid-Year Meeting and Luncheon. Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee and the honoree will be announced at the event. To submit a nomination, please click here.

The Alliance **World Class Faculty Award** is given each year at the Alliance Mid-Year Meeting and Luncheon. A profile of the winner is included in the program book and the winning faculty member is presented an award on stage at the event. Nominations are reviewed by the Alliance Education Action Team and the winner is notified prior to the event. To download the application, please click here.
Nominations for both awards are due April 1.

Nova Southeastern University to Raise Half a Billion Dollars by 2020 Through Philanthropy and Research Funding
Broward County Public Schools Joins the Green Schools Alliance District Collaborative
BCPS to Offer the SAT Exam Free to All High School Juniors
BCPS Spotlighted by The White House for Commitment to Increasing Computer Science in Schools
Six Finalists Vie for Broward County Public Schools 2017 Teacher of the Year

Alliance Member Companies in Bold

110 Tower has enjoyed a stellar quarter in terms of leasing activity. The award-winning, LEED® Gold certified, Class A office building in downtown Fort Lauderdale has announced that more than 88,000 square feet of office space has been renewed or leased recently bringing the building to approximately 82% leased. To read more, please click here.

CBRE Hotels has been exclusively retained to market the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Resort and Marina, a landmark 384-unit property on 22.7 acres at 2301 SE 17th St. in Fort Lauderdale. CBRE’s Christian Charre, Paul Weimer and Natalie J. Castillo are marketing the landmark resort, offered unencumbered by brand or management, and with development opportunity – the property is fully entitled for further mixed-use development. To read more, please click here.

GUNSTER, Florida’s law firm for business, is pleased to announce that Susan Faby, Human Resources Director, is a finalist for the first ever Excellence in Human Resources Awards given by South Florida Business and Wealth magazine. Human resources professionals have been nominated in 13 industries and one winner will be selected in each. Faby is nominated in the area of legal human resources. To read more, please click here.

Sir Richard Branson was recently presented with an original Guy Harvey print as the winner of the 2015 Great Shark Race, an innovative race created by the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation (GHOF) and the Guy Harvey Research Institute (GHRI) at Nova Southeastern University that allows businesses and individuals to sponsor sharks through the purchase of satellite tracking tags. These tags enable researchers and the public to follow the tagged fish online in near real time as they travel around the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. The 2016 Great Shark Race kicks off on April 25. To read more, please click here.

Miller Construction Company has completed $3.1 million in major renovation projects for top-selling South Florida furniture retailer City Furniture at showrooms in Pembroke Pines and Wellington. Miller’s crews provided a complete $2 million interior renovation and exterior upgrade at City Furniture’s 58,659-square-foot Pembroke Pines showroom. They converted the interior to showcase the next-generation design found in City Furniture’s innovative new stores throughout Southeast, Southwest and Central Florida. The project included installing energy-efficient LED lighting, new flooring, wall covering and fixturing. The exterior façade was fully renovated, with newly created expanses of glass that maximize natural light. To read more, please click here.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy signed the Record of Decision for the Port Everglades Harbor Navigation Study Jan. 29, 2016, signifying the completion of the final administrative review for the project's report. The report passed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and was transmitted to Congress Jan. 29, 2016. The project will compete with other investments for funding in future budgets. The submission marks a significant milestone for the Port Everglades navigation improvement plan, which includes deepening and widening the harbor. To read more, please click here.

Stiles Residential Group, a division of Fort Lauderdale-based Stiles, and Raleigh, NC-based Grubb Ventures announced they have partnered to develop a new 186-unit luxury mid-rise apartment community in the heart of Raleigh, NC. Located at the intersection of Glenwood Avenue and Oberlin Road inside the I-440 Beltline, the project is ideally situated adjacent to the prestigious Carolina Country Club, just minutes from downtown Raleigh and Cameron Village. To read more, please click here.

Taylor & Mathis Florida has secured 18,500 square feet of renewals at Sawgrass International Corporate Park in Sunrise, following M-M Properties’ $75 million purchase of the four-building office portfolio. The new ownership’s focus now centers on leasing the portfolio’s remaining seven percent of available space including a full floor of 24,000 square feet. To read more, please click here.
Featured Property of the Month

Radice Corporate Center II - Spaces 124/220/400/502/700/706
800 Corporate Dr
Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33334
Listed by Cushman & Wakefield
Additional details at GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com

Upcoming Events

Alliance Events

Alliance Council Connect
Wednesday, March 3, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach
For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133 or at tvinaixa@gflalliance.org

Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Invitation Only)
Thursday, March 10, 8:30 a.m.
Location: Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 hkulp@gflalliance.org.

Alliance Corporate Council Meeting (Invitation Only)
Friday, March 18, 8:30 a.m.
Location: TBA
For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131 hkulp@gflalliance.org.

Alliance Mid-Year Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 11:15 a.m.
Location: Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, Fort Lauderdale
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Enterprise Florida Events

Export Sales Mission to Korea & Taiwan
Apr. 15-23
Location: Seoul, Korea and Taipei, Taiwan
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
Building Healthier Communities: Improving Government, Human and Social Services through the Arts
March 1-2
Location: Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park - Multipurpose Room, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, click here.

Cadillac Championship/PGA TOUR
March 2-6 2016
Location: Doral
For more information, click here.

Multinational Business Mixer
Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Blue Bar Grill, Hallandale Beach
For more information, click here.

Artist Encounter @ IKEA Sun. March 6 - Meet Artist Ana Aguerrevere
Sunday, March 6, 1:00 p.m.
Location: IKEA Sunrise
For more information, click here.

2016 International Women's Day Luncheon
Tuesday, March 8, 12:00 p.m.
Location: Biltmore Hotel, Miami
For more information, click here.

Broward Tech Colleges: White Hot - a Unique Dining Experience
Tuesday, March 15, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Signature Grand, Davie
For more information, click here.

Village Square Take-Out Tuesday: Guns: Everyone, Everywhere?
Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Broward College, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, click here.

Broward College Speaker Series: Featuring J.C. Watts
Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale
For more information, click here.

Cracking the Code on Tech Talent in South Florida
Thursday, March 24, 5:00 p.m.
Location: Citrix Systems, Inc., Fort Lauderdale
For more information, click here.

Leadership Broward Foundation Fun Lunch
Friday, April 1, 11:30 a.m.
Location: Signature Grand
For more information, click here.

Port Everglades Association Economic Engines Performance Report
Friday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.
Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center
For more information, click here.

Florida Atlantic University Annual Gala
Saturday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.
Location: FAU Stadium, Boca Raton
For more information, click here.

Six Pillars Broward Annual Report to the Community
Wednesday, April 6, 7:15 a.m.
Location: Omni Auditorium, Broward College
For more information, 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.

Connect and follow the Alliance on Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn. 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).