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

#### Top Stories:

- Florida's Job Growth Rate Leads the Entire Nation
- Broward Job Growth Continues Strong Trend
- Alliance Annual Dinner features Keynote by Pat Geraghty, Jobs Announcements, New Initiatives, Awards
- BCPS and Alliance Partner to Promote Technology Industry, Education and Careers in South Florida

## Top Stories

### Florida's Job Growth Rate Leads the Entire Nation

Governor Rick Scott announced on October 28 that Florida had the highest annual private-sector job growth rate of any other state in the nation. Over the year in September, Florida added 252,400 new private-sector jobs, raising Florida's private-sector job growth rate to 3.6 percent. Florida's manufacturing industry also led the nation in job gains over the year in September, adding 15,300 new jobs. Governor Scott said, "Florida's strong job growth has consistently outpaced our top competitor states, including Texas, California and New York, and last month our job growth rate outpaced the entire nation. This great news is sending a message across the country that Florida is the best place for businesses to grow and create new opportunities. By creating a business-friendly environment and cutting taxes, we have been able to diversify our economy and put Florida on track to becoming first for job creation." To read more, please [click here](#).

### Broward Job Growth Continues Strong Trend

Broward County's job report indicated a 4.6 percent unemployment rate in September 2016. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the year ago rate of 4.9 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased by 35,400 jobs (+4.4 percent) over the year, with an employment of 832,900 in the Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MSA (Broward County). The region's jobless rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate (5.0 percent). Out of a labor force of 1,025,412 there were 46,755 unemployed Broward County residents.

"Broward County's robust job growth of 35,400 nonagricultural jobs over the last year continues to affirm the strength we are seeing in the economy," said Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance President and CEO Bob Swindell. "Our employment growth rate of 4.4% and the variety of jobs added in numerous sectors puts us among the leaders in the state in job creation." To read more, please [click here](#)

### Alliance Annual Dinner features Keynote by Pat Geraghty, Jobs Announcements, New Initiatives, Awards

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County's official public/private partnership for economic development, reported at its 2016 annual meeting on Thursday, October 20 that it helped attract 20 new company relocations and expansions during its 2015-16 fiscal year that ended September 30. This resulted in 2,646 new high-value jobs, 943 retained jobs and \$210 million in new capital investment... The Alliance reported that over the past decade, the Alliance, working with Broward County, CareerSource Broward and local municipalities, helped businesses create or retain more than 25,000 direct jobs that are estimated to have generated through direct, indirect and induced effects total employment of more than 55,000 jobs resulting in \$2.1 billion in annual personal income and \$11 billion in annual economic impact. To read more, please [click here](#).

### BCPS and Alliance Partner to Promote Technology Industry, Education and Careers in South Florida.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and the county's economic development organization, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (Alliance), are teaming up to create an even brighter future for this industry and local students. The Alliance, together with its counterpart economic development organizations in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties, are showcasing technology companies throughout South Florida through a TechGateway initiative. This initiative includes a website, [TechGateway.org](http://TechGateway.org), which highlights more than 2,000 local technology companies, as well as a map showcasing the location of these technology companies across our region. Through a partnership with BCPS, poster-sized versions of the map are being distributed to all of the District's middle and high schools. BCPS Career, Technical, Adult & Community Education facilitators are working to raise awareness at schools about the TechGateway initiative, posters and associated classroom activities.

In addition, BCPS middle and high school students are encouraged to participate in a TechGateway App Challenge, allowing them to use their computer science skills by designing, storyboarding and creating an app that incorporates the TechGateway map and initiative to increase awareness about technology companies doing business in South Florida. To read more, please [click here](#).

## Education, Workforce Development and Educational Excellence Builds Business (E<sup>2</sup>B<sup>2</sup>) News



[BCPS Awarded \\$53.8 Million Grant from the U.S. Department of Education](#)  
[Broward College Ranks Sixth Nationally in Conferring Associate Degrees](#)  
[Dr. Robert C. Speth Receives Prestigious Provost's Research and Scholarship Award from NSU](#)  
[Heiko Dobrikow named FAU's 2016 Business Leader of the Year](#)  
[NSU to Predict Winner of 2016 U.S. Presidential Election with the Help of Two Tagged Mako Sharks](#)  
[Broward College Launches New CNC Advanced Certificate Program](#)  
[Nova Southeastern University to Host Mobile Fort Lauderdale Veterans Center](#)  
[Recycling App Wins Broward College Hackathon 2016](#)  
[BCPS Next Gen Engage Town Hall Series Invites Student Input On the Future Direction of the District](#)  
[Monarch High School Principal James Neer Selected as 2016 Florida Principal Leadership Award Honoree](#)  
[International Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic Encephalomyelitis to Host Biennial Conference in South Florida](#)

## Business Briefs and Alliance Member News



Alliance Member Companies in **Bold**

The College of Business at **Florida Atlantic University** is honoring Heiko Dobrikow, Executive Vice President at the **Las Olas Company** and also the General Manager of the **Riverside Hotel**, as the 2016 Business Leader of the Year. Dobrikow is a seasoned hotelier of over 30 years and a business professional with extensive experience in all areas of the property and asset management. To read more, please [click here](#).

**HEICO Corporation** reported that Laurans A. Mendelson, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, received the prestigious Wright Brothers Memorial Award from the Greater Miami Aviation Association at the Association's annual gala dinner in Doral on October 2, 2016. To read more, please [click here](#).

**JetBlue** codeshare partner, Emirates, recently announced it will launch a daily service between Dubai and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, on December 15, 2016, serving the South Florida area, including Fort Lauderdale, Miami, and West Palm Beach. This will be Emirates' 11th passenger route in the United States. To read more, please [click here](#).

The new, fully customized Lauderdale BMW East showroom being created by design/builder **Miller Construction Company** for Holman Automotive will boost the luxury brand's visibility in the Fort Lauderdale market. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Mink and Mink** sold 2351 North Dixie Highway in Pompano Beach. This 8,608 square foot, 2-story office/warehouse located in Pompano Beach has an 82% office and 18% warehouse use allocation. The Seller was represented by Mink and Mink's Broker Associate, Don Doctors. The Buyer, W. Building, an affiliate of the Wesworth Electric Co., a Florida State Certified Electrical Contractor will use the building as their office to service Broward and Palm Beach Counties To read more, please [click here](#).

The "**Rick Case** Bikes for Kids" program, celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, has provided more than 100,000 bikes to needy children during the holidays since 1982, and is now collecting bikes for the 2016 holiday season through December 21, 2016. This year's collection goal is set at 5,000 bikes, which will be distributed through area Boys & Girls Clubs as well as other local charities, churches and schools. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Stearns Weaver Miller** Labor & Employment Law Shareholder Jennifer Saltz Bullock was installed As President of Federal Bar Association, Broward County Chapter. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Stiles'** Charlotte office, a division of the full-service commercial real estate development firm Stiles, today announced plans to develop a new Class-A, 64,000-square-foot office building in the heart of Charlotte's historic South End neighborhood. Located at 300 West Summit Ave., the three-story project is ideally situated in the downtown urban core, within walking distance of a light rail station as well as the area's vibrant nightlife and entertainment offerings. To read more, please [click here](#).

**Sun Sentinel** published a Voter's Guide. This guide will provide comprehensive information on the U.S. presidential election and all other contested local, state and national races on the November 8 ballot. The section also will detail constitutional amendments, profile candidates and provide Sun Sentinel Editorial Board recommendations. The special section was distributed within the newspapers of all subscribers as well as in single-copy papers on October 23. The online version posted on October 20 at [sunsentinel.com/votersguide](http://sunsentinel.com/votersguide).

**Ultimate Software**, a leading provider of human capital management (HCM) solutions in the cloud, announced today that it has acquired San Francisco-based technology company Kanjoya, Inc., a leading workforce intelligence and analytics platform for enterprises. Using the technology acquired through Kanjoya, Ultimate is launching UltiPro Perception™ to help companies collect, understand, and act on employee feedback. The acquisition underscores Ultimate's commitment to optimizing the employee

experience in order to drive employee performance and engagement. As part of the acquisition, Kanjoya founder Armen Berjikly and the entire award-winning Kanjoya team is joining Ultimate Software, establishing an additional research and development hub for Ultimate in San Francisco. Kanjoya works with leading companies, including many Fortune 100 businesses, to uncover employee, manager, and team attitudes and performance traits from employee surveys and other sources of employee feedback. UltiPro Perception will be available as an option for Ultimate customers in January 2017. To read more, please [click here](#).

## Featured Property of the Month



### **Corporate Centre II**

1751 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway, Sunrise 33323

Type of space: General/Office

Listed by Lisa Capozzi at Cushman & Wakefield

Additional details at [GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com](http://GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com)

[Click here](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Alliance Events

#### **Joint Alliance Corporate/ Entrepreneurship Council Meeting (Invitation only)**

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Broward College, 111 E Las Olas Blvd, Room 1208, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Helen Kulp at 954-627-0131, [hkulp@gflalliance.org](mailto:hkulp@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Partner Council Meeting (Invitation only)**

Thursday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

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#### **Alliance Leadership Council Meeting (Invitation only)**

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133, [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Business Connect Breakfast - Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (Invitation only)**

Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Tower Club, Regions Bank Bldg., Fort Lauderdale

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133, [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Governor Council Meeting - November 29, 2016 (Invitation only)**

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 8:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Tania Vinaixa at 954-627-0133, [tvinaixa@gflalliance.org](mailto:tvinaixa@gflalliance.org)

#### **Alliance Council Connect Holiday Event**

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Riverside Hotel, Fort Lauderdale

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#### **Alliance Permitting Action Team Meeting (Invitation Only)**

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Porsche West Broward, Davie

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### **Enterprise Florida Events**

#### **[Airshow China 2016 – China International Aviation & Aerospace Exhibition](#)**

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016 - Sunday, Nov. 6  
Zhuhai, Guangdong, China

#### **[Electronica 2016](#)**

Tuesday, Nov 8 - Friday, Nov. 11  
Messe München, Germany

#### **[Medica 2016](#)**

Monday, Nov. 14 - Thursday, Nov. 17  
Düsseldorf, Germany

#### **[Marine Equipment Trade Show \(METS\) 2016](#)**

Tuesday, Nov. 15 - Thursday, Nov. 17  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### **[40th Annual Conference on the Caribbean and Central America](#)**

Sunday, Nov. 20 - Tuesday, Nov. 22  
The Westin Colonnade, Coral Gables

#### **[Aeromart Toulouse 2016](#)**

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 - Thursday, Dec. 1  
Toulouse, France

**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**

#### **SFAMC Presents OM Management, Inc. FAA Requirement Compliance Reasonable Suspicion Training**

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Broward College, South Campus Aviation Institute, Pembroke Pines  
For more information, please [click here](#).

#### **Business for the Arts Broward - 2016 Cultural Tours**

Friday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Bus leaves from ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please [click here](#).

#### **Legal Learning Series - Annual Cannabis Law & Business Conference Expo**

Friday, Nov. 4  
Location: Bonaventure Resort and Spa, Weston  
For more information, please [click here](#).

#### **Broward County Public Schools' Ed Talk 2016/17**

Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale  
For more information, please [click here](#).

#### **Junior Achievement Fellows Spark Tank Program**

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, NSU, Davie  
For more information, please [click here](#).

#### **Under a Paper Moon: Art Exhibit and Opening Reception**

Thursday, Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m.  
GALLERYOne DoubleTree Suites by Hilton  
For more information, please [click here](#).

#### **Destination Lake Worth**

Thursday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Lake Worth Casino, Lake Worth  
For more information, please [click here](#).

#### **South Florida Symphony: Celebrate the Great American Songbook**

Friday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

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

#### **2016 SFBJ Structures Awards**

Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Jungle Island, Miami

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

#### **Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce: Perspectives on Florida's Healthcare**

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Marriott Harbor Beach, Fort Lauderdale

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

#### **SFTA - Global IoT Challenge**

Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Citrix Systems, Fort Lauderdale

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

Calendar items are subject to change without notice. Please visit [www.gflalliance.org](http://www.gflalliance.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).

Looking for commercial properties and demographic information? Visit [www.greaterfortlauderdaleproperties.com](http://www.greaterfortlauderdaleproperties.com).

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