



On the Economic Scene



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STATEWIDE MANUFACTURING CAREER FAIR -- Manufacturers and job seekers will connect at a statewide career fair April 22 from 8 a.m. - noon at the Advanced Technology Center, 1770 Technology Blvd., Daytona Beach. The event shifts April 24 to the CareerSource offices, 846 Saxon Blvd., Orange City, from 1 - 5 p.m.

EMBRY-RIDDLE TO HOST AEROSPACE SUMMIT -- The Aerospace Alliance Summit will be at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach April 23 - 24. The theme is preparing the workforce for the aerospace industry. Business leaders, economic development professionals and government officials from a four-state region will hear from industry leaders and discuss opportunities and challenges in providing and sustaining the workforce for this industry. Jim Clifton, Gallup chairman and CEO, and author of *The Coming Jobs War* is the keynote presenter. For information, go to: aerospacealliance.com/events or call Jason Dean at 601-664-8858.

WEBINAR TO ADDRESS OPPORTUNITIES IN MOROCCO, EGYPT, JORDAN -- Opportunities and challenges in the renewable market for Morocco, Egypt, and Jordan will be addressed in a webinar April 22 at 12 p.m. Topics include an overview of the market, upcoming projects, and opportunities. Participants will hear from private and public officials, including senior commercial officers and specialists. For information, call Leigh Shapleigh at Volusia County Economic Development at 386-248-8048 or email lshapleigh@volusia.org.

GROWFL ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR INNOVATIVE COMPANIES -- The GrowFL awards program is accepting nominations for 2015. The event, in its fifth year, honors 50 second-stage Florida companies for developing valuable products and services, creating quality jobs, enriching communities, and creating new industries. Nominees must be privately held, second-stage enterprises. The deadline for nominations is May 8. For information go to: GrowFL.com.

ENTERPRISE FLORIDA SEEKS TECH COMPANIES FOR DUBAI SHOW -- Small businesses have a chance to exhibit at a technology conference in Dubai in October. Enterprise Florida, the state's economic development organization, will host information technology and communications companies at GITEX Technology Week October 18 - 22. For information call Leigh Shapleigh at Volusia County Economic Development at 386-248-8048 or email lshapleigh@volusia.org.

CAREER ACADEMY FOCUSES ON BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE -- The Biomedical Science Academy at University High School offers a curriculum on heart disease, diabetes, sickle cell and other diseases. The academy offers a course on human body systems and medical interception where students learn how healing and modern medicine affect the body. For information contact Jessica Clayton, academy director, at jjclayto@volusia.k12.fl.us.

SBA LOANS AN OPTION FOR STARTUPS -- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loans may be an option for companies struggling to get financing or thinking of getting into business. For information go to: sba.gov/blogs/sba-loans-explained-101-small-business-owners.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS TROUBLESHOOTING COURSE -- The Center for Business Industry at Daytona State College is offering a course on basic safety practices for voltages up to 500, knowledge of voltage, current and power in AC and DC circuits and others. The class applies fundamentals to applications in residential, light commercial and simple industrial use. Classes start April 28. To register call 386-506-4224 or email parkerj@daytonastate.edu.

VENTURE CAPITAL AN OPTION FOR ENTREPRENEURS -- Venture capital is equity financing for entrepreneurial companies that for reasons of size, assets, and stage of development cannot seek capital from more traditional sources. Venture capital investments generally are made as cash in exchange for shares in the invested company. To learn more, go to: help.business.usa.gov/link/portal/30027/30030/Article/769/Venture-Capital#sthash.zaOM23RC.dpuf.

NEWS ITEMS WANTED! – Please send your business news items to Dave Byron, Volusia County Community Services Department Director, at dbyron@volusia.org. If you wish to be removed from this weekly broadcast, please let us know.

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