



On the Economic Scene



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TRADE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR ASIA AIR SHOW -- Enterprise Florida will lead an exhibit team from Florida aviation and aerospace companies at the Singapore Air Show February 16 - 21. The show is Asia's largest aerospace and defense exhibition with more than 1,000 exhibitors from 76 countries and more than 45,000 attendees. There are multiple booth options for companies to participate in the Florida pavilion. Trade grants are available to help offset exhibition cost. For information contact the Volusia County Division of Economic Development at 386-248-8048.

WORKSHOPS ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING -- The government procurement process will be the topic of two free workshops that will feature presentations by Volusia County Government's director of purchasing and contracts and the assistant director and PTAC program manager for the Florida Small Business Development Center. The workshops will be September 18 at 9 a.m. at the Volusia County Historic Courthouse in DeLand and September 25 at Daytona Beach International Airport. For information contact Leigh Shapleigh at ishapleigh@volusia.org or 386-248-8048.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE JOBS EXPECTED TO GROW -- A joint transportation jobs report released by the U.S. Departments of Transportation, Labor and Education estimates 388,904 highway construction and maintenance job openings will be created between 2012 and 2022, the majority semi-skilled or highly-skilled workers. The report, Strengthening Skills Training and Career Pathways across the Transportation Industry, looks at potential growth areas in six subsectors of the U.S. transportation industry -- trucking, transit and ground passenger, air transportation, highway construction and maintenance, rail and maritime. For the report go online to: tinyurl.com/nf9uhor.

ACADEMY PREPARES FUTURE ENGINEERS -- The Engineering Academy at DeLand High School prepares students for careers in engineering, manufacturing, and technical design through the integration of math and science concepts, real-world problems, and software applications. The academy uses Amatrol industry-standard equipment and integrated curriculum to connect various areas and levels of manufacturing that include precision measurement tools and materials testing; design processes; manufacturing processes (machine tools and CNC milling); automated material handling; electrical systems; and fluid power (hydraulics and pneumatics). For information contact Peter Policke, academy director, at: pwpolick@volusia.k12.fl.us.

DUKE, FP&L RATED TOP UTILITIES -- Site Selection magazine has ranked Duke Energy and Florida Power & Light as being among the top 10 utility companies. Each year Site Selection salutes the top utility teams in the United States. Key criteria include analysis of corporate end-user project activity in 2014 in those utilities' territories based on data from Site Selection's new plant database and from utility and community reports. Other criteria include website tools and data, innovative programs and incentives for business, including energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, and the utility's own job-creating infrastructure and facility investment trends.

SEMINAR TO FEATURE EYEGLASS SCREW INVENTOR -- The local SCORE chapter will host a free seminar featuring Nancy Tedeschi, the inventor of the Snap-it-Screw for repairing eyeglasses. Ms. Tedeschi will share her experience, knowledge and challenges of bringing her invention to market. The seminar is suited for anyone thinking about starting a business or anyone in business who wants tips on how to succeed. The seminar will be September 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Daytona State College, UCF building 150, room 100. To register call 386-255-6889 or email: score87.org.

OSHA HAZARDOUS WASTE COURSE TO BE OFFERED -- The OSHA 40-hour hazardous waste safety training for the general site worker course will be offered September 21 - 25. The HAZWOPER standard 29 CFR 1910.120(e) requires 40 hours of off-site training and three days of field experience. This course meets those training requirements. Students will learn selection and use of personal protective equipment, hazard assessment techniques, air monitoring principles, decontamination, permit procedures for confined spaces, and hazardous properties of chemical wastes. For information or to register, contact the Sunshine Safety Council in Daytona Beach at 386-253-6400 or 800-467-7327.

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