



On the Economic Scene



A weekly economic development briefing from the Volusia County Department of Economic Development

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AIRPORT MEETING ROOM NAMED AFTER DENNIS MCGEE – The Volusia County Council has voted to rename the main meeting/conference room at Daytona Beach International Airport after Dennis McGee, the longtime airport director who passed away recently. McGee was instrumental in the construction of the main terminal which opened in 1992.

SMALL BUSINESS SURVEY UNDERWAY -- The Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank is conducting a survey of small business owners/managers to identify potential finance issues and will convey those issues to those who have the ability to make changes. Individual responses are confidential. The survey closes November 20. Responses are confidential. For information contact SmallBusinessResearch@atl.frb.org.

FLORIDA LEADS IN CONSTRUCTION JOBS -- Florida led the nation between August and September in the creation of construction jobs, according to the Associated General Contractors of America. Construction jobs in Florida increased 6.6 percent (26,700 jobs) from last September to this September. For information go online to: tinyurl.com/pkm4ht4.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON TRANSIT CONNECTOR STUDY -- The next public meetings on the Volusia Transit Connector Study will be November 9 in Daytona Beach, November 10 in DeLand, and November 12 in Deltona. The Florida Department of Transportation is seeking public input on the refined alternatives under consideration for potentially providing enhanced transportation from State Road 46 in Seminole County to U.S. 1 in Volusia County. For details and meeting times, go online to: volusiaconnectorstudy.com.

USA TRADE ONLINE REDESIGNED -- Access to the newly redesigned USA Trade Online is free to all users. USA Trade Online is a data tool provided by the U.S. Census Bureau that gives users access to current and cumulative U.S. export and import data. Go online to: tinyurl.com/o8ybcc5.

FLORIDA MAKES PROVIDES MANUFACTURER MENTORING -- The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), now called Florida Makes, helps manufacturers become more successful through mentorship and counseling. Florida Makes is considering whether to bring one of its flagship programs to Florida, ExporTech, which consists of three educational segments targeted at mid-sized companies of 50 - 75 employees. For information, call Maria Alfano at 407-227-3673 or email maria.alfano@floridamakes.com.

SEMINAR ON CUSTOMER SERVICE -- The local SCORE87 chapter is hosting a free workshop on customer service practices and techniques. The seminar is November 17 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the UCF building at Daytona State College. To register go online to: score87.org or call 386-255-6889.

BUSINESS SUMMIT IN SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA -- The Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce, and the cities of Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach and Oak Hill will host a free economic development/business summit November 14 from 8:30 a.m. - noon at 104 N. Riverside Dr., Edgewater. For information, call Samantha Bishop, Edgewater Economic Development Coordinator, at 386-424-2400, extension 1330, or e-mail at sbishop@cityofedgewater.org.

CALL-IN FOCUSES ON CUBA -- The Bureau of Industry (BIS) has scheduled monthly call-ins to field questions on exporting to Cuba. The next call-in is November 10 at 2 p.m. The number to call is 888-889-0538, passcode CUBA. For information go online to: tinyurl.com/obs9zIz.

FP&L WINS RELIABILITY AWARD -- Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) was named the winner of the 2015 ReliabilityOne National Reliability Excellence Award by PA Consulting Group, an international firm that analyzes electric utility performance across the United States. The award is given annually to utilities that have excelled in delivering reliable electric service. All utilities operating electric delivery networks in North America are eligible for consideration.

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.