



# On the Economic Scene



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**VMA's 10th ANNUAL MANUFACTURERS SHOWCASE** -- The VMA will hold its annual Manufacturers Showcase from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach. Come see more than 100 exhibitors. Attendance is free to this exposition of manufacturing products, services, skills and capabilities available in Volusia County. Don't miss the Fifth Annual Robotics Competition, the CNC competition and the 3D Art Show competition with cash prizes. For more information, visit [www.vmaonline.com](http://www.vmaonline.com) or call 386-673-0505 or 904-228-1288.

**JOB FAIR: TANGER OUTLET** -- Tanger Factory Outlet Centers is hosting a free Job Fair at the Ocean Center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28. Bring your resume and stop by to meet with representatives from Tanger Outlets and its brand-name retailers. For more information, visit [www.tangeroutlet.com/daytona/careers](http://www.tangeroutlet.com/daytona/careers).

**TECHNOLOGY FOR BUSINESS TRAINING** -- Attend these sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 14 and 20 at Daytona State College in Daytona Beach. You'll pick up some tips on updating your business with available technology to optimize efficiency, profitability and usability. For more information, call 386-506-4723 or email [sbdc@daytonastate.edu](mailto:sbdc@daytonastate.edu).

**FREE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP COUNTRY WEBINAR** -- The International Trade Administration (ITA) will host a free webinar from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, to inform businesses about commercial opportunities in leading and emerging markets. You will learn about trade with Australia and New Zealand and how the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement will facilitate U.S. exports to those countries. Participation is via your computer and phone line. For more information, send an email to [Linda.Abbuzzese@trade.gov](mailto:Linda.Abbuzzese@trade.gov) or register at <http://tinyurl.com/hoellbv>.

**SIMPLE STEPS TO BECOMING A NONPROFIT COMPANY** -- This SCORE workshop is being presented for the first time for anyone considering starting a nonprofit corporation. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Daytona State College, Daytona Beach. Register at [www.score87.org](http://www.score87.org) or call 386-255-6889.

**OSHA HAZARDOUS WASTE COURSE TO BE OFFERED** -- OSHA's 40-hour course on hazardous waste safety training for the general site worker will be offered Sept. 21 to 25. This course meets the HAZWOPER standard 29 CFR 1910.120(e) training requirements, which call for 40 hours of off-site training and three days of field experience. 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.

**CONSTRUCTION WORKER SHORTAGE** -- Florida's shortage of construction workers continues with 61 percent of contractors saying they're having trouble filling craft labor positions, which represent the bulk of the construction workforce. This is according to a recent survey by the Associated General Contractors of America. The hiring difficulty is reported highest for heavy equipment operators, concrete workers, carpenters, mechanics and truck drivers. To access more Florida survey results, go to <http://tinyurl.com/zgrdylb>.

**COSTS OF SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAYS** -- Fewer states are offering school sales tax holidays this year. According to a legislative analysis, Florida's shortened back-to-school tax holiday this year will cost the state about \$26 million in sales tax revenue. But having the normal 10-day holiday instead of the reduced three-day break would have cost another \$20 million. The legislative analysis can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zwwdxzq>.

**NEWS ITEMS WANTED!** -- Please send your business news items to Joanne Magley, Volusia County Community Information Director, at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org). If you wish to be removed from this weekly broadcast, please let us know.