



On the Economic Scene



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FLORIDA ADDS JOBS -- Florida added 16,800 private sector jobs in February, according to the ADP Regional Employment Report, which is produced by ADP in collaboration with Moody's Analytics. The report measures the change in regional and state non-farm private employment each month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE -- This employment initiative is a six-week workshop designed to prepare 75 selected veterans and their immediate family members for today's job market. Participants will receive valuable tools, training and mentorship that can be effectively applied toward career development. Workshop sessions, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Thursday, will offer educational opportunities, interviews, counseling on entrepreneurship, and networking opportunities with Volusia County employers. To register, send an email to vetservices@careersourcefv.com by March 24.

ACADEMY OF FINANCE -- The Academy of Finance at University High School trains students for careers in finance through a rigorous curriculum covering banking and credit, financial planning, international finance and economics, securities, insurance and accounting. The program includes an on-campus credit union and offers internships in the local financial community. For more information, contact Academy Directors Vince Roeshink at vjroeshi@volusia.k12.fl.us or Sheryl Flowers at sflflower@volusia.k12.fl.us.

EARLY STAGE CAPITAL CONFERENCE & COMPETITION -- The Florida Venture Forum is calling for outstanding private Florida companies to apply to present at the 2017 Florida Early Stage Capital Conference, which will be held May 19 in Orlando. Eligible companies can compete for up to \$150,000 in cash prizes provided by Space Florida. The Florida Venture Forum is the state's premier organization focused on assisting entrepreneurs of emerging companies as they develop businesses and raise capital. The application deadline is April 18. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/zy8r24j> or email info@floridaventureforum.org.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NONPROFITS -- A new report released by the Florida Nonprofit Alliance shows Florida's nonprofit sector provides an annual payroll of \$26 billion, receives nearly \$90 billion in annual revenue and holds assets of \$205.7 billion. In Florida, 83,000 nonprofits employ more than 530,000 people, or 6 percent of the state workforce, according to the report.

CYBERSECURITY RESOURCE -- Cyber attacks and notices of new vulnerabilities have become all too common occurrences in personal and business transactions. One resource that can help people keep abreast of these threats is the Department of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Response Team National Cyber Awareness System. The website offers technical alerts, bulletins and tips on current security issues, vulnerabilities and exploits. For more information, go to <https://www.us-cert.gov/home-and-business>.

SOLAR POWER -- Florida Power & Light will build eight new 74.5-megawatt solar power plants by early 2018 in Alachua, Brevard, Hendry, Putnam, Indian River, DeSoto and St. Lucie counties. The plants' combined output is expected to provide power to about 120,000 homes. Development of these facilities will bring approximately 1,600 construction jobs and permanently employ 200 people.

CONSIDERATION IN ENTITY SELECTION WORKSHOP -- SCORE is offering a free workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. April 6 at the Daytona State College Campus, UCF Building 150. The workshop is for individuals looking to expand their business with investor capital. Registrants will learn how entity selection can affect the ability to raise capital. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.score87.org or by calling 386-255-6889.

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