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SBIR/STTR PHASE I AND COST PROPOSAL WORKSHOP – The UCF Business Incubation Program will offer an SBIR/STTR Phase I and Cost Proposal Workshop: Learn How To Prepare a Winning Proposal for Your Business from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10. The workshop will be presented by Jim Greenwood of the Greenwood Consulting Group at the UCF Business Incubator - Central Florida Research Park, 3259 Progress Drive, Orlando. Attendance will include a free proposal review from Greenwood, who has been a reviewer for federal agencies many times. This saves you the \$450 for Phase I Proposal review. Small businesses engaged in research and development (R&D) may be eligible to access these government dollars through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Known as "America's Seed Fund," the SBIR/STTR programs provide access to R&D funds to stimulate technological innovation. The program can help individuals and small businesses by providing access to grant funds to support proof of concept and prototype development. The fee is \$95 if you register by Sept. 20, or \$120 after Sept. 20. The registration fees will include materials covered, breakfast, lunch and the workshop. For more information, go to www.bit.ly/SBIROrlando2018.

FLORIDA DEO LAUNCHES REBUILD FLORIDA PROGRAM – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) has launched Rebuild Florida, a long-term recovery effort that will provide \$616 million to help Florida families repair or rebuild their homes that were significantly damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Irma. Rebuild Florida is a program partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It will connect eligible Floridians with federal disaster recovery funding, prioritizing most-impacted communities and the most vulnerable low-income individuals. Registration is available at www.RebuildFlorida.gov or by calling the Rebuild Florida representatives at 844-833-1010. Eligible Florida residents have until Dec. 23 to register for the Rebuild Florida Housing Repair and Replacement Program. The program is open to residents who own their homes and also to owners of rental properties. Detailed eligibility requirements are available at www.RebuildFlorida.gov.

TSA PRECHECK EVENT AT DAB – The enrollment event for TSA Precheck has returned to the Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB). Schedule your appointment today for the week of Oct. 15-19. TSA Precheck allows participating low-risk travelers to experience a more efficient airport screening process by leaving on shoes, light jackets and belts and leaving laptops and compliant liquids in carry-on bags. Schedule your pre-enrollment at <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/programs/precheck>.

DSC TO HOLD FALL JOB FAIR – Daytona State College will hold its Fall Job Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the New Smyrna Beach/Edgewater campus, 940 10th St., New Smyrna Beach. The fair will be held in Academy Hall, Building 2, Room 109. Participants should bring multiple copies of their resumé, dress in business professional attire, and be prepared to be interviewed. For more information, contact Career Services at 386-506-3073 or CareerServices@DaytonaState.edu.

ACADEMY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE – Business owners are encouraged to consider the advantages of participating with the Volusia County Schools career academies. The academy at Mainland High School offers students a variety of courses to prepare for careers in computer science, technology implementation and integration. Divisions within the academy include technical support, programming, web development and networking. Multiple opportunities exist for industry certifications. Students are exposed to not just the physical technology, but the science and art that are the foundation of technological creation. This academy is affiliated with the Cisco Networking Academy. For more information, contact Suzanne Gibson at sgibson@volusia.k12.fl.us. The career academy programs provide industry sector focused preparation and student engagement. As the workforce of tomorrow, academy students gain early career knowledge, skill development and workplace exposure.

NEW UF/IFAS REPORT – The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences has released a new report about the contribution of agriculture, natural resources and food industries to Florida's Gross State Product. The report, "Economic Contributions of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Food Industries in Florida in 2016," is part of an annual series and incorporates data from 2016, the most recent year available. The report presents economic data under seven broad industry headings: Crops, Livestock, Forestry and Fisheries Production; Agricultural Inputs and Services; Food and Kindred Products Manufacturing; Food and Kindred Products Distribution; Forest Products Manufacturing; Mining; and Nature-based Recreation. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yaadl3zw> to access the 135-page report online.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNER SEARCH – The U.S. Commercial Service's International Partner Search program provides U.S. companies with a list of up to five partners/distributors that have expressed an interest in the client's goods or services. To review the provided services, along with pricing and eligibility criteria, visit <https://www.export.gov/International-Partner-Search>.

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