

# Aviation/Aerospace/Engineering Cluster Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2006

at Jet Aviation, PBI



## Minutes

Attendees: **Austin Andrews**, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne; **James Brown**, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne; **Steve Craig**, Workforce Alliance; **David Drugman**, Bay Cities Research; **Andrew Duffell**, Business Development Board; **Julie Hamilton**, Business Development Board; **Stephanie Heckel**, U.S. Commercial Service; **Gary Hines**, Business Development Board; **Mohammad Ilyas**, FAU; **Rene Jones**, BRPH Architects - Engineers; **Anne Leone**, Jet Aviation; **Carla Brown Lucas**, Business Development Board; **Becky Magaw**, Business Development Board; **Oren Masory**, FAU; **Phyllis Maas**, Maas Media; **Mark Nys**, Belcan; **Barry O'Connell**, Logus Microwave; **Sean Quinn**, WaferWorld, Inc.; **Carole Robbins**, Workforce Alliance; **Milo Srkal**, DayJet Corporation; **Tom Wheatley**, Florida Corporate Funding; **Joseph White**, Joseph White Marketing Concepts; **Joe Wiendl**, Raymond James

The meeting commenced at 8:35 am - Austin Andrews.

- Welcome by Austin Andrews, Chairman
- The Business Development Board's executive staff reported their recent project successes, which brought 330 jobs to Palm Beach County! The BDB reviewed four companies which successfully either relocated or expanded in the county. Namely; Parametric Solutions, Venture Marine, Health-Tech and General Dynamics.
- The chairman distributed four collateral pieces to the cluster. First, details on the shuttle launch scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>. Second, a glossy photo of shuttle Discovery lift-off in July, 2006. Third, information regarding the Space Florida Act, of which a Commission was created by Gov. Bush in June of 2005 to strengthen Florida's role as a leader in space and aeronautics. Fourth, the press release about the newly created Commission for the Future of Space.
- David Drugman showed a PowerPoint on the progress of the HR Talent Acquisition focus group designed to coordinate employment for talented candidates.
- Austin Andrews reviewed the tactical plan for the cluster:
  - One objective is to attract complimentary industries to Palm Beach County.
- Special Guest speaker, Joe Wiendl from Raymond James presented to the cluster. He reviewed Gov. Bush' commission establishing Space Florida. Space Florida will address the future of Aeronautics in Florida and reorganize aerospace entities with its mission to create new jobs. Mr. Wiendl also discussed venture capital and private equity, mergers & acquisitions, very light jets, air taxis, and his investment banking experience with Raymond James. We appreciate him coming over from Tampa to present at our cluster meeting!

Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

- ♦ Special appreciation to Anne Leone at Jet Aviation for coordinating the meeting room and refreshments.
- ♦ Special Thanks to Jet Aviation for hosting the meeting.
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Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006.

