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The Numbers
$6.78 Billion
The total estimated impact of the A/A/E industry cluster in Palm Beach County.

1,352
The number of A/A/E and support industries companies in Palm Beach County.

17,730
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Who We Are
The Business Development Board of Palm Beach County is the official public/private economic development organization for Palm Beach County, and Palm Beach County partner of Enterprise Florida. Founded in 1982 as a not-for-profit corporation, our primary purpose is to attract and retain a spectrum of new industry, business investment, high-quality jobs, and workforce development through corporate relocations, expansions, and international trade, stimulating economic energy, promoting business diversity, and enriching the County’s vitality. The Business Development Board is essentially your one-stop resource for information on relocating your business to or expanding in Palm Beach County.

The BDB offers free and confidential services, including:
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