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- To learn more about Florida's industries, trade, and general economic indicators, check out the most recent issue of the Florida Economy at a Glance. [\(Updated June 2008\)](#)

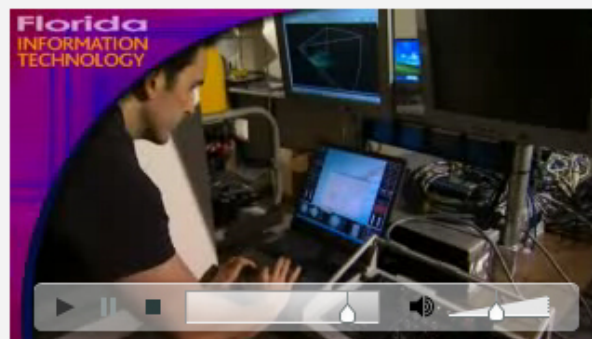
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## Innovation in Motion

The [Innovation Center](#) features videos, podcasts, interactive maps, and more to highlight innovative companies and technologies that are thriving in Florida.



To hear more about Florida's IT innovators, or to watch the full-length Information Technology video, visit the [Video Center](#).

## Did You Know...

**CNBC** ranks Florida's Workforce #1 in the nation, and gives the state high marks for Technology & Innovation and Access to Capital. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Florida leads the U.S. with the most cities on **CNNMoney's Fastest Job Growth** rankings. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Florida is home to the largest number of cities on **Relocate-America's Top Places to Live**. [\(Learn more\)](#)

**Miami International Airport** is the No.1 airport in the U.S., and the only U.S. airport among the world's top 10, in terms of international freight. [\(Learn more\)](#)

New state legislation allows \$1.95 billion in state funds to be invested in **Florida's technology and growth** enterprises, such as alternative energy, life sciences, and aerospace. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Research investment, patent and invention disclosures, and licensing income all increased at **Florida universities** in 2007. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Florida has established a **state college system** to increase access to affordable higher education and expand its workforce. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Florida has more **Newsweek Top 100 U.S. High Schools** than any other state. [\(Learn more\)](#)

## Florida On the Move

### Life Sciences

Miami-Dade County attracts global medical technology leader, **Becton, Dickinson, and Company**, and its new \$20 million BD Biosciences cell culture media supplement manufacturing facility. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Florida hospitals earn 30 spots on **U.S. News & World Report's 2008 Best Hospitals**, including the No.1 Ophthalmology hospital for the 5th year in a row. [\(Learn more\)](#)

The **National Science Foundation** awards **Indian River State College** a grant to create the **Florida Biotechnology Regional Access Initiative**, a biotech worker training program. [\(Learn more\)](#)

**Space Florida** joins forces with space industry leader, **SPACEHAB**, to utilize Florida's biotech strengths in the study of microgravity and new vaccine development. [\(Learn more\)](#)

### Clean Energy

Florida aims to turn green into gold with a **comprehensive energy and economic development package** that encourages investment in alternative and renewable energy technologies. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Florida is poised to become the nation's 2nd largest solar energy producer as **Florida Power & Light Company** announces plans to build the world's largest photovoltaic solar plant in DeSoto County, and the world's first solar thermal hybrid energy center in Martin County. [\(Learn more\)](#)

Pompano Beach-based **Cyclone Power Technologies'** clean-burning steam engine is chosen as one of Popular Science Magazine's Top 10 inventions of the year. [\(Learn more\)](#)

### Aerospace/Aviation

### Information Technology

Broward County's high-skilled workforce will power China-based **Foxconn International Holdings'** 200-employee facility, and help develop next-generation cellular technologies. ([Learn more](#))

Osceola County's **Channel Intelligence**, a leading IT service provider for the world's top manufacturing and retail companies, will invest \$33 million and create 420 new jobs to expand its Celebration headquarters facility. ([Learn more](#))

Florida-based **Clertech.com**, a worldwide IT service provider, will hire at least 450 employees at a new Delray Beach facility to meet anticipated growth demands. ([Learn more](#))

#### Homeland Security/Defense

South Florida continues to be a hot spot for international headquarters as the **Department of Defense** builds a \$237 million, 630,425 sq. ft. facility, making Doral the permanent home of the **U.S. Southern Command**. ([Learn more](#))

Melbourne rises above the competition to attract **Embraer's** new \$50 million, 150,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art final assembly line facility – it's first such facility in the U.S. – and 200 new jobs. ([Learn more](#))

Vero Beach-based **Piper Aircraft** will add over 450 jobs to expand its aircraft manufacturing operations, including production of its state-of-the-art very light jet. ([Learn more](#))

The **Florida Center for Advanced Aero-Propulsion**, a collaboration of premier aerospace and aviation researchers from **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Central Florida, University of Florida**, led by **Florida State University**, will work to develop new technologies and new strategies for commercialization. ([Learn more](#))

#### Financial & Professional Services

Jacksonville scores a major addition as **Germany's Deutsche Bank** opens two local subsidiaries and creates 1,000 business support jobs in fields such as investment banking and information technology. ([Learn more](#))

#### Key Upcoming Events

##### November 5-6: Florida's 5th Annual Manufacturer's Summit

Attend this annual event to learn more about topics including green manufacturing, future workforce, exporting, and more.

##### November 19-22: MEDICA 2008

Be sure to stop by the Florida Pavilion in Hall 16, Stand D04 at MEDICA, the world's largest medical trade show, held in Dusseldorf, Germany.

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