



Virtual Entrepreneur Center

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Whether starting a new business, looking to expand an existing business or considering relocating a business, entrepreneurs searching for information that will support their business needs can visit the Florida High Tech Corridor Council (FHTCC) Virtual Entrepreneur Center (www.flvec.com). Created as a robust and easy-to-use one-stop online resource, this Web portal is maintained

each Corridor county to all the latest business resources – such as local permitting codes and forms, statewide corporate registration information and federal trademark law. Already covering Brevard, Flagler, Hillsborough, Hernando, Lake, Manatee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole and Volusia counties, flvec.com services will soon be available in all 23 counties within Florida's High Tech Corridor (see map).

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Easily locate local, regional, state and global resources for starting, relocating or expanding your business. Local resources are arranged geographically, so simply click on your area of interest.



Uses of flvec.com

Established business owners that offer services catering to entrepreneurs have the opportunity to utilize flvec.com as a company directory. Whether specializing in law, accounting, IT, communications or other products and services, businesses from across the Corridor can list their information on flvec.com at no charge to help entrepreneurs find the best products and services for starting or growing a business. Because flvec.com is continually updated and maintained, entrepreneurs are encouraged to log on regularly to find the latest information about new products and services.

About FHTCC

The Florida High Tech Corridor Council is a regional economic development initiative of the University of Central Florida (UCF), the University of South Florida (USF) and the University of Florida (UF) whose mission is to attract, retain and grow high tech industry and to help develop the workforce to support those industries in the 23-county Corridor.

A partnership involving more than 20 local and regional economic development organizations (EDOs) and 14 community colleges, the Council is co-chaired by the presidents of UCF, USF and UF. The unique partnership has resulted in a strategic approach to high tech economic development that involves matching funds research, workforce development and a marketing program leveraging governmental, EDO and corporate budgets on a regional rather than local basis.

by FHTCC in partnership with local economic development organizations. Updated regularly with new information, the Virtual Entrepreneur Center (VEC) catalogs local, regional, state and global resources for starting and growing a business.

The concept of a VEC Web portal was originally identified and developed through the Volusia/Flagler Higher Education Consortium, whose membership includes Daytona State College, Bethune Cookman University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Stetson University and University of Central Florida – Volusia County Campus. Shepherded by the economic development team from Daytona State, the Disney Entrepreneur Center, the Tampa Bay Technology Forum and other regional EDO partners and funded by FHTCC, flvec.com is designed to be an up-to-date one-stop-shop library for entrepreneurs looking for business resources. flvec.com provides links within