



**Dateline: Kennedy Space Center, FL
September 1, 2017**

A JOBS TURNAROUND ON THE SPACE COAST WITH AEROSPACE, AVIATION AND ENGINEERING LEADING THE WAY



Just seven years ago, the Space Coast, Brevard County had thousands of people out of work and double-digit unemployment. Today, it is a much different picture. In early 2010, nearly 31,000 people had no jobs as a major recession gripped the Kennedy Space Center and Brevard County.

As of Labor Day 2017, the unemployment rate is 4.4% and only about 12,000 people (out of a work force of 273,698) people are jobless in Brevard County.

Aviation companies, defense companies, manufacturing companies and launch companies are bulking up in Brevard County, Florida.

Harris Corp, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Blue Orion, Embraer, Lockheed Martin, SpaceX OneWeb, and many others are hiring. Up to two launches every day are now possible, and the industry is quickly moving in that direction.



Entrepreneurs Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk have entered the aerospace industry, and have found a launch site home at Kennedy Space Center.





**Dateline: Port Canaveral, Florida
June 23, 2014**

“Project Pelican” Brings New Cargo Era To Port Canaveral \$100 Million Agreement Brings 2000 Jobs to Brevard County

Port Canaveral has inked a 35 year deal with Gulftainer, USA today, one of the worlds largest privately owned port management and logistics companies. The United Arab Emirates-based company will build and operate a new cargo terminal at the Port. As the first entry into the US, Gulftainer will invest \$100 million in infrastructure, equipment and a “locally sourced labor supply, 100% from Brevard County.”



The new terminal is expected to contribute more than \$280 million to the local economy; in excess of \$280 million to Port Canaveral, and more than \$350 million in generated tax revenue. More than 2000 jobs are expected to be created as a result of the 35 year agreement. Gulftainer Chairman, Badr Jafar, expects the company to handle more than 700,000 containers per year. The deal, in the works for more than two years, had been referred to as “Project Pelican.”



Port Canaveral Chief Executive Officer, John Walsh and Badr Jarar, Chairman of the Executive Board of Gulftainer Group sign a 35 year Agreement, which brings a new age of cargo revenue to Port Canaveral, Florida.





**Dateline: Titusville, Florida
June 12, 2014**

Parrish Medical Center Joins Mayo Clinic's Care Center Network PMC is first Central Florida Member and Third in Florida

The Mayo Clinic and Parrish Medical Center officials have announced PMC as the 29th member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. The collaborative arrangement gives the North Brevard hospital access to a larger team of medical specialists, research and a "world class" brand. Mayo Clinic has a long-established, worldwide reputation for medical excellence and has become a household name for specializing in difficult medical cases.



Parrish Medical Center's Titusville, Florida Campus

Parrish Medical Center passed a rigorous review of its quality, service and operation during the two year selection process, which according to Dr. William Rupp, CEO of Mayo Clinic, "involved thousands of pages of paperwork in the evaluation of the Titusville, Florida hospital. We're excited to formalize our relationship with Parrish Medical Center. We share a commitment to improving care and value for patients."



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Kennedy Space Center hits major transformation milestone



NASA has achieved a major milestone in its effort to transform the Kennedy Space Center into a multi-user spaceport by completing the initial design and technology development phase for its new ground systems development and operations (GSDO) program.

Unlike previous work at Kennedy Space Center that focused on a single kind of launch system, such as the Saturn V rocket or space shuttle, GSDO engineers and managers are preparing the spaceport's infrastructure to support several different spacecraft and rockets in development for human exploration.



This includes NASA's development of the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft, which will provide a new capability for human exploration beyond low-Earth orbit with the flexibility to launch spacecraft for crew and cargo missions to destinations in the solar system, including an asteroid and Mars.



**Dateline: Port Canaveral, Florida
November 8, 2013**

Port Canaveral's New Terminal to Be Home to The World's Largest Cruise Ships

(11:30 a.m. EST) -- Port Canaveral officials announced Thursday that a new \$85 million cruise complex will be constructed next year in order to accommodate larger ships, suggesting that the soon-to-be world's largest might be looking into the facility as a homeport option.

"The new cruise terminal complex will handle the largest cruise ships currently sailing as well as the 6,000-passenger vessels in design," reads a press release from the port. The only ship of that size currently "in design" is Royal Caribbean's new Oasis-class ship, which is unnamed and scheduled to be delivered in mid-2016.

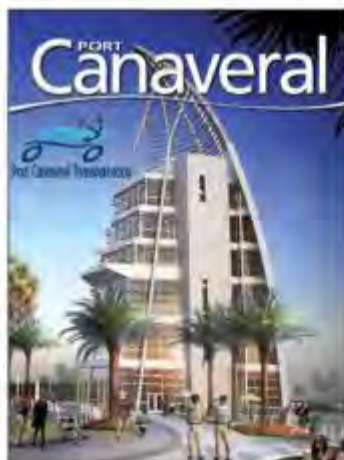


Canaveral Reaches Terms with Norwegian and Royal Caribbean

Cruise Contracts Set for Board Consideration in March

PORT CANAVERAL, FL - February 28, 2014 - Canaveral Port Authority next month expects to sign contracts with Norwegian and Royal Caribbean cruise lines after recently reaching terms that expand commitments from both companies.

The agreement with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) is a multi-year deal that would continue port of call visits from the Breakaway and Gem for the next three years, with options for two additional years. In addition, NCL also will homeport a ship at Port Canaveral in 2015-2016 for a partial-year deployment.



The \$21 million, seven-story, 22,000 square foot Port Canaveral Welcome Center is just the beginning of Port Canaveral's effort to transform the Cove harborside marketplace and Port Canaveral in Brevard County Florida.



The Washington Post

**Dateline: Titusville, Florida
May 29, 2014**

Lockheed Martin to Acquire Titusville- Based Astrotech Space Operations \$61 Million Purchase to Close Third Quarter 2014



Lockheed Martin has entered into an agreement to acquire Astrotech Space Operations, a deal which is expected to close in the third quarter of 2014. Astrotech Space Operations is a leader in satellite launch preparation services. At closing, Astrotech Space Operations will be operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin and will be managed by Lockheed's Space Systems division.

"Astrotech Space Operations' expertise in the final stages of launch preparation compliments our existing capabilities in Satellite design, production and integration," according to Marilyn Hewson, Lockheed Martin Chairman, President and CEO. "This new capability expands our Space Systems services portfolio and enhances the value we offer to current and future Lockheed Martin and Astrotech Customers."



Embraer to Build Newest Executive Jets in Melbourne *Company to Invest \$76.1 Million at Melbourne Airport*



The Melbourne City Council tonight unanimously approved a more than \$7 million 15-year tax incentive package for incoming Embraer Executive Aircraft development at the airport. As approved, Embraer will receive: Ten years of property tax breaks, the maximum allowed by city code; and an additional five years of tax reimbursements if the company keeps a certain number of jobs.



Embraer Executive Aircraft Inc. is proposing an expansion that would bring 600 manufacturing jobs paying an average of \$55,000 a year to the city by 2019. The company also proposes building a 250,000 square foot manufacturing facility, with a total capital investment of \$76.1 million. The plant would accommodate the assembly, painting and delivery of Embraer's newest executive jets, the twin-engine Legacy 450 and Legacy 500.

Including an estimated 850 spinoff jobs the project would create 1,451 jobs with a total annual payroll of \$75 million.

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Boeing, Air Force To Locate Spacecraft Program at KSC

Operation will handle landing, recovery, refurbishment and launch of X-37B

Brevard County, Fla. (January 3, 2014) – The Boeing Co. and the U.S. Air Force will locate their X-37B orbital test vehicle program at Kennedy Space Center, further reinforcing the region's status as the premier hub for space activities and growth, the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is pleased to announce.

The program, to be based at a former Orbital Processing Facility at KSC, will allow Boeing and the Air Force to land, recover, refurbish and relaunch the 29-foot-long, unmanned space vehicle.

The program will generate high-tech engineering, manufacturing and support jobs.

"Boeing's choice to further expand its presence on Florida's Space Coast validates the state's position as a leader in aerospace. The company's investment and the jobs created add to this extensive sector," said Gray Swoope, president and CEO of Enterprise Florida. "We are proud to have Boeing as a corporate leader in the state and we look forward to our Florida workforce being a part of the company's future success."

Financial and employment details are not being disclosed.

The X-37B operation joins more than 2,000 other aviation and aerospace companies operating in Florida who together employ 87,000 people.



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**Dateline: Melbourne, Florida
May 8, 2014**

NORTHROP GRUMMAN SELECTS BREVARD COUNTY

Major project to significantly expand local presence

EDC lands one of the largest economic development deals in the country

NORTHROP GRUMMAN



Brevard County, Florida (May 8, 2014) - The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is pleased to announce that Northrop Grumman Corporation has selected Brevard County for a significant expansion that could add 1,800 jobs at full program capacity at an average annual salary of \$100,000.

The project, known as Project Magellan throughout the due diligence phase, is the largest economic development project in the country in terms of job creation numbers and average wage associated with employment. Northrop Grumman plans to invest approximately \$500 million in new capital investments at the Melbourne International Airport.

"This is a huge victory for families on the Space Coast," said Governor Rick Scott. "We are excited that Northrop Grumman has decided to expand here in Florida, which could bring up to 1,800 new jobs to Brevard County. We've worked to grow jobs and opportunities for Florida families by cutting taxes, paying down debt and cutting government waste - and this announcement is a testament to our success in creating an opportunity economy. This is a huge win, and we'll continue to build on this success with our recently completed legislative session where we cut \$500 million in taxes and fees and made higher education more affordable for every family. These victories will attract more-and-more businesses to the Sunshine State. We must continue to grow our opportunity economy so that companies like Northrop Grumman can continue to create jobs for Florida families."

Port Canaveral Prepares for Growth Spurt

Canaveral Sees Tall Future for Growing Cargo Service and Cruise Passenger Service



*(Photo: Stephen B. Morton CRA
Photo/Stephen B. Morton)*

Two giant cargo cranes are scheduled to arrive by barge at Port Canaveral on Friday morning, a tangible symbol of the port's goal to expand its cargo business.

Port officials attending Wednesday's Canaveral Port Authority meeting were excited about that prospect.

But they were equally excited about how quickly the port's cruise business is growing.

Even as port commissioners were debating details of how to pay for a \$105 million cruise terminal complex now under construction, Chief Executive Officer John Walsh indicated that they soon would start discussing plans for yet another cruise terminal.

"We're almost effectively out of berth space," when current and planned cruise ship bookings are taken into account, Walsh told port commissioners. "We're looking at running out of room. We have to start looking at discussions of terminal plans" for a new terminal that would open in 2017 or 2018.

Walsh said he expects the port's cruise passenger traffic to be up 50 percent by then, as Port Canaveral aims to become the world's busiest cruise port, ahead of the Port of Miami and Port Everglades near Fort Lauderdale.

Another positive sign for Brevard County's seaport: Norwegian Cruise Line will be basing a ship at Port Canaveral for the first time since the winter of 2011-12. The Norwegian Spirit is set to sail from here from November 2015 through April 2016 for 23 cruises, alternating between the eastern and western Caribbean.

Walsh said the Spirit is a mid-sized ship, giving cruise passengers "a nice choice of a more intimate ship," if they are reluctant to sail on the mega-ships that some cruise lines have at Port Canaveral.

Ship to Shore Cranes Arrive at Port Canaveral



The Canaveral Port Authority says the cranes, almost the height of a football field, will allow the port to take a container off a ship and put it onto a truck in 45 seconds, bringing in thousands of new high paying jobs on the Space Coast. (PHOTO/Julian Leek, Viewer)

Port Canaveral's channel will be widened by another 100 feet and deepened an average of two feet along the length of the harbor to accommodate larger vessels required to insure the growth of Port Canaveral's cruise and cargo operations.

"Already a thriving and growing cruise port, we are rapidly expanding to become one of Florida's major container ports," said Port CEO John E. Walsh.

The Port, according to Walsh, will target premium cruise line brands to complement the Carnival, Disney, Norwegian Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean ships now based at Port Canaveral.

Channel Widening at Port to be Completed in Late 2014



FLORIDA TODAY

Boeing brings space jobs back to Brevard

Company to build crew capsule in shuttle hangar

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CAPE CANAVERAL — Inside a Kennedy Space Center hangar where shuttle orbiters were once prepared for flight, The Boeing Co. on Monday announced plans to assemble a privately operated spacecraft that could become the next vehicle to fly astronauts from Florida.

A package of state incentives worth up to \$50 million helped seal a first-of-its-kind deal that symbolized the space center's effort to transition from the retired shuttle program to a future that embraces commercial space operations and creates jobs.

"If anyone had any doubt that Kennedy Space Center would remain open for business, this new agreement ... should put that notion to rest," said Lori Garver, NASA's deputy administrator.

Boeing expects that work to assemble, test and refurbish its CST-100 capsule for trips to the International Space Station will create 550 local jobs by 2015, though that outcome depends on winning NASA contracts and federal funding to help develop commercial spacecraft.

Under an agreement more than a year in the making, KSC turned over use of the hangar called Orbiter Processing Facility-3 for at least the next 15 years to Space Florida, the state's aerospace economic development agency.

Space Florida in turn will lease the facility and adjacent office space to Boeing, which will base its program office for commercial astronaut flights at KSC.



Kennedy Space Center Director Bob Coburn speaks inside OPF-3 as The Boeing Co. announced Monday it will develop and manufacture the CST-100 commercial crew capsule at KSC. / Tim Short/FLORIDA TODAY

JOBS BY THE NUMBERS

Boeing expects the spacecraft work to create 550 local jobs:

140 jobs by 2013
410 more by 2015

Over the next year, state and company funding will renovate the 64,000-square-foot processing hangar to fit Boeing's needs, including tearing out tiers of access platforms that in recent years framed the orbiter Discovery.

An orbiter's presence could almost be felt Monday in the void between the platforms that loomed above a stage of dignitaries, including Gov. Rick Scott, as well as U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and U.S. Reps. Sandy Adams and Bill Posey.

"You can see the outline of the space shuttle, so it's a strong reminder of the recent past," said John Elbon, head of Boeing's Space Exploration Division. "When you enter this building and see it, it kind of causes a twinge of sadness."

A CHANGING COMMUNITY

THE NEW FRONTIER

Viera's sweeping follow-on development is now underway, and it could change the way Brevard lives and works



The Future of Central Brevard has broken ground. After years of talk and delay, work has begun on West Viera, an expansive development of homes and businesses designed around a pedestrian-friendly “village” concept.

Plans call for Viera to grow to nearly 30,000 homes and 75,000 people on land farmed by the Duda family for generations.

It has been almost four years since the Brevard County Commission approved plans for the development of West Viera, with the potential for 11,000 additional homes.

BY THE NUMBERS

6,300
NEW ACRES OF
HOMES AND
SHOPPING

11,000
NEW HOMES
PLANNED TO
BE BUILT

27,000
NEW
RESIDENTS
ESTIMATED
TO MOVE IN

