



Spacecoast Technical Network

Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time

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Health Care Reform Snapshot What will happen in 2014?

Our community and the nation has been hit hard by one of the worst recessions we have ever endured. We have seen many changes, but there are more coming. The best way to handle changes is to be prepared and informed.

Denny Watkins, a long-time Business Support Member of the STN, and specialist in the area of healthcare has taken the time to brief us on a few important changes coming our way. Read about these changes in Denny's brief snapshot:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires all Americans to have

Friday's Speaker

Lynda L. Weatherman

Lynda L. Weatherman is the president & CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast. In this role, she is responsible for the attraction of new business and investment and retention of existing industry throughout the Space Coast. Ms. Weatherman's role also includes influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, assisting industry in new market entry, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies.

Ms. Weatherman has served since 2009 as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Jacksonville Branch, where, in 2011, she presided as Chair.

In 2010, Ms. Weatherman was selected to be a member of the Air Force Chief of Staff Civic Leader Program, serving as an advisor, key communicator, and advocate for the Air Force and providing ideas and feedback to the Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff.

In 2011, the EDC was awarded the Florida Economic Development Council's "Deal of the Year" award for its work in the AAR recruitment project. The Council also awarded Ms. Weatherman its 2011 "Professional of the Year," recognizing excellence among economic development practitioners throughout Florida. Additionally in 2011 and 2012, the International Economic Development Council recognized the EDC with three "Excellence in Economic Development" awards.



Lynda L. Weatherman
President and CEO
Economic Development Commission
of Florida's Space Coast

"minimum essential coverage" starting January 1, 2014. You can satisfy the individual mandate through health coverage sponsored by your employer, an individual health insurance policy or through coverage under a variety of government plans. Each is considered a form of "minimum essential coverage." Those who do not maintain "minimum essential coverage" will be assessed a tax penalty.

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[STN Member Job Board](#)

[Goodwill Industries - Job Post 1Apr13](#)

[Local Technical and Engineering Jobs in Brevard County](#)

[Local opportunities with Craig Technologies](#)

TRAINING

[TechPoint Training - FLMEP](#)

Veterans Retraining Program (VRAP) Helps Nearly 100K Enhance Job Skills
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Ms. Weatherman currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of Brevard County.

Ms. Weatherman, a Florida native, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences/Education from the University of South Florida and a Masters in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her work in economic development resulted in winning a Rotarian Fellowship to the University of Hong Kong where, in 1990, she completed a second Masters degree in International and Urban Planning. She has served in her current role with the EDC of Florida's Space Coast since 1994.

Upcoming Speakers

04/05 - Lynda Weatherman, President, EDC

04/12 - Denny Watkins, Broker, Selective Insurance Group

If you are interesting in presenting at an STN breakfast meeting, please call Martin McClellan, Speaker Coordinator at (321) 759-5955, or email at: litamartin@msn.com

Upcoming Events

04-04 Re-Charge and Re-Energize your Job Search SEMINAR

04-04 FIT Lean Six Sigma Certification (With Brevard Workforce)

04-05 [Business Connection Luncheon](#)

04-05 [Missile Space and Range Pioneers Spring Banquet 2013](#)

04-09 [Part 1 - Business Planning - Avoid Costly Mistakes](#)

04-16 [Part 2 - Legal Clinic & Managing Risks](#)

04-16 [Women In Defense - Rick McKneight, President, Modus Operandi](#)

04-17 BCC Job Fair - [Flyer Coming Soon](#)

04-18 Brevard Workforce Job Fair -[Flyer Coming Soon](#)

04-26 [5th Annual Green Symposium - Stetson University](#)

04-27 [STN 1st Annual Member BBQ - Fox Lake Park](#)

If you have an upcoming event that may be of interest to our group, please contact Gail K. Peek, by phone 321-383-0664 or by email @ STN.eventcoordinator@yahoo.com.



Spacecoast Technical Network

The Spacecoast Technical Network, STN, meets every Friday to network, share a meal, and learn from informative speakers. The membership is over one hundred and growing weekly. STN is about securing Employment for its members, enhancing skill sets through Educational resources, and providing ongoing professional support and expertise for new and exciting Entrepreneurial efforts.

Networking begins at 8:00am. A hot breakfast is served at 8:30. Cost for the breakfast is \$4 per person. The SpaceCoast Technical Network meets in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 414 Pine St., Titusville. [CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)
For more information, contact Kevin Harrington at (321)302-4787, email: Kevin@STNrebuilds.org

The SpaceCoast Technical Network Offers Two Positions of Membership.

Associate Member - Associate members are seeking to re-establish their income stream. Many of

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our associate members have since moved on to new positions of employment. Some are starting their own business, while others have re-enrolled in an educational curriculum that will provide them with new skill sets and/or certificates for the next step in their career.

Business Support Member - Business support members offer the expertise and resources of their businesses to aid and assist the STN in its quest to strengthen the economic situation of the community. The support of the local business community is the key to the completion of all STN goals.

One Year Membership is just \$20

For more information contact Herb McElrath, Director of Membership Services at (321) 544-5932

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