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Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time

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Special Upcoming Event! Join Us!

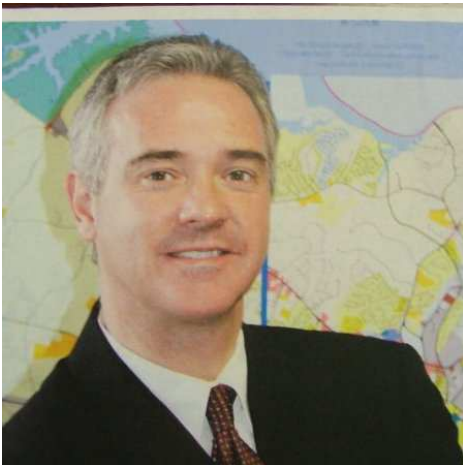
First STN Alumni Meeting...August 1, 2013
7pm, St. Gabriel's, Bldg 418

STN has an opening for a Marketing & Public Relations Manager!

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering please contact
[Herb McElrath](#) via email.

Friday, August 2, 2013 Guest Speaker

Troy Post
Director, North Brevard Economic Development Zone



Troy Post, CEcD, currently serves as the executive director of the North Brevard Economic Development Zone, a special tax increment financing district in northern Brevard County, Florida. The Zone, which includes the communities of Titusville, Port St. John, and Mims, in addition to portions of the city of Cocoa, was created to facilitate job growth and economic development in an area that has been largely dependent upon the aerospace industry.

From 2008 to 2013, Troy was the executive director of the Development

Authority of Columbia County, Georgia. As director, he was responsible for the promotion and development of two industrial parks in the county, and for the management of special incentive/business creation programs; one such program, the attainment of an Opportunity Zone for a portion of the county, resulted in the relocation of a data center employing more than 400 people. Also during his tenure in Georgia, Troy served as the elected chairman of the 13-county CSRA Unified Development Authority, a regional development authority in the east central portion of the state.

From 1987 until 2008, Troy managed the Bessemer Industrial Development Board, a public economic development agency supporting business and industry within the City of Bessemer, Alabama. During his tenure there, Troy helped to capitalize a downtown redevelopment organization, establish a business incubation program (comprised of two facilities that have graduated more than 20 enterprises), and create new industrial park space. He also managed a revolving loan portfolio and industrial property holdings valued at over \$24 million.

For his work in economic development, Troy has been recognized with a Certificate of National Merit from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and an economic development "best practices" award from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). He has been presented as well with several historic preservation awards. Troy has been a certified economic developer since 1998.

Troy received his undergraduate degree (political science/economics) from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama and a Masters degree in public administration from the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB). In 1996, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. He is a member of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC), and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). Active as a volunteer in Scouting (Troy is an Eagle Scout) and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Troy is married to the former Catherine Campbell of Tampa, Florida. They have one son, Taylor, who is twelve years old. In 2011, he published his first work of fiction, *The Teller of Burnham Bank*, which is available through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and Books-A-Million.

Upcoming Speakers...

08/02 - Troy Post, North Brevard Economic Development Zone

08/09 - Carey Beam & Team, Rolling Readers

08/16 - Cathy Musselman, Brevard Workforce

If you are interested in presenting at an STN breakfast meeting, or know of someone who you would like to see, please contact [Patrick Pearce](#), STN Speaker Coordinator.

Upcoming Events...

- 08-01 [O'Reilly's Auto Parts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#)
- 08-02 [Titusville Business Connection](#)
- 08-06 [Business Planning - Avoid Costly Mistakes, SBDC](#)
- 08-09 [Grace Equine Rescue & Therapy for Humans R.C.C.](#)
- 11-01 [Lubrication Specialist - Oil Change 14.99](#)

If you have an upcoming event that may be of interest to our group, please contact via email [Gail Peek](#), STN Event Coordinator.

Employment / Training Opportunities And Important Links...

[Local Opportunities with Craig Technologies](#)

[Goodwill Industries Jobs](#)

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

[HOT JOBS from Brevard Workforce](#)

[TechPoint Training - FLMEP](#)

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Business Brief...

Bill Posey to Coordinate with Local Business Leaders for Federal Contracting Conference in August

MELBOURNE, FL - Congressman Bill Posey will host a Federal Contracting Conference at the Florida Tech's Denius Student Center in Melbourne on August 5th and 6th. The event is a chance for government contractors to have one-on-one meetings with procurement representatives from Washington, D.C., and Central Florida to explore new contracting opportunities. It's also an opportunity for local businesses that specialize in technology, innovation, defense contracting and services to learn how to navigate the federal procurement process.

"Many of our local businesses specialize in technology, innovation and services that are applicable to meeting the needs of federal agencies," said

Congressman Posey. "Learning how to navigate the federal procurement process and accessing decision makers within federal agencies helps Space Coast businesses and workers compete."

The agenda will include a keynote address by Congressman Bill Posey and presentations by key federal procurement officials. Other speakers include Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce, Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, FL MEP, Women In Defense, GCAT, Florida 8(a) Alliance and special presentations by local defense contractors.

Many local organizations support the event and it's benefits to the community. Lynda Weatherman, president and CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast noted that "The federal government represents a key opportunity for Space Coast companies to tap into a funding source and client base that values innovation, precision and hard work - all hallmarks of the Space Coast's increasingly vibrant economy. We thank Congressman Posey for hosting this important event and encourage our county's strong base of defense and technology companies to participate."

Beth Gitlin, Director of the Women's Business Center at Florida Tech said "It's a unique opportunity for small businesses in our community to network with leaders in key positions with the federal and local governments and defense contracting industry. Our clients are excited to engage in individual matchmaking appointments with these key procurement officials to discover further opportunities for growth."

JOIN STN NOW !!!

The SpaceCoast Technical Network Offers Two Levels of Membership

Associate Member - Associate members are seeking to re-establish their income stream. Many of 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. Contact [Herb McElrath](#), Director of Membership Services Via Email For More Information.



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The 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.

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