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EDC EVENTS

Nov. 16 EDC New Investor Reception
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
EDC-Capital Plaza II, Downtown
Orlando
RSVP: [Nancy James](#)

WHAT'S NEW
EDC BBQ Bash Draws Record Crowd



Where you at the BBQ?
Click here to view
all pictures from
the event.



An estimated 600 people took off their ties (well, most did!) and gathered on the edge of Lake Eola in downtown Orlando for the EDC's 2004 Barbecue this week. Drawn by the promise (and smell) of the area's top fixin's, community and business leaders were not disappointed as six local vendors pulled out all the stops to win the coveted "Best Barbecue" award. So, who did attendees pick? Bubbalou's Bodacious BBQ! Rounding out the winner's circle were Blackwater Bar-B-Q in second place and South'rn Red Smok'r in third place. However, attendees agreed that all of this year's BBQ participants – including Cecil's Texas Style BBQ, Conway's BBQ and Smokey Bones – were "A Grade."

NO Surprises
Vote **YES** on
Amendment 2
[click image for more info](#)

DON'T FORGET!
As you go to the polls,
the EDC recommends
that you vote **YES** on
AMENDMENT 2.

CONGRATULATIONS!

 **EDC Leaders Shine as "Businessmen of the Year"**
Hats off to Fred Leonhardt, EDC board member and **GrayRobinson** partner, who was named "Businessman of the Year" by **Orlando Business Journal** at an award reception held at the **Westin Grand Bohemian** on Thursday evening. Leonhardt was recognized for his career of service to the community and the state. Other honorees included EDC Board Chairman Al Weiss, **Walt Disney World** and EDC Investors Jim Seneff, **CNL**; Ken Bradley, **Florida Hospital Winter Park**; Clarence Otis, **Darden**; John Caparella, **Gaylorl Palms**; Frank Ioppolo and Orlando Evora, **Greenberg Traurig**; Tom Chandler, **SchenkelSchultz**; and Alan Keen, **Keewin Real Property Company**.

● **UCF Small Business Development Center** has been recognized by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) with that organization's 2004 award for top community program in an area with population greater than 200,000.

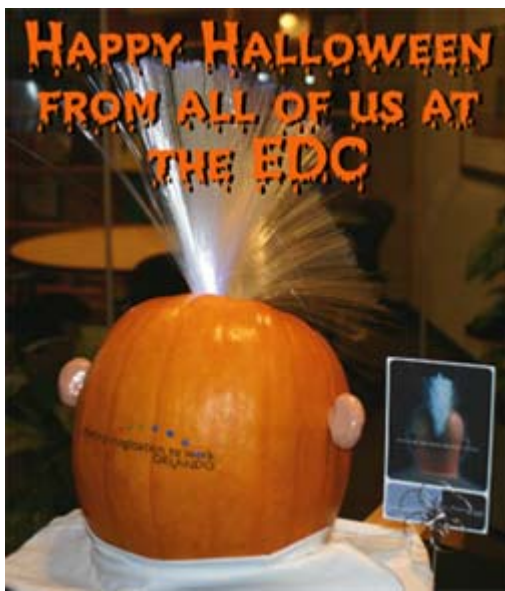
UCF Grant To Strengthen Local Photonics Industry

Most university grants are used to conduct research or add faculty, but what happens when more space is needed? Faced with this exact situation, UCF's College of Optics and Photonics this week found the solution in a \$1.5 million grant awarded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

The grant application process started almost three years ago when the EDC's Kate Saunders met with local photonics industry leader, Jeff Bullington. Together, they began hashing out a plan to apply for grant money designated for "distressed communities." Based on the severe impact of 9/11 terrorist attacks and the tech bust on Metro Orlando's photonics industry, Saunders and Bullington surmised that our region fit this category. They also reasoned that adding more laboratories, where local start-up companies could work side-by-side with UCF students and faculty, would help this sector recover. After countless hours working with UCF to develop a grant proposal, the team celebrated success!

EDC TRAVEL

● EDC **Business Development** team members traveled to the U.K. to participate in InterTech 2004 where they discussed Orlando's Digital Media industry with English and Scottish companies/organizations.



This week, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development David Sampson presented a check to university representatives that will add 24 new UCF photonics research laboratories. UCF officials estimate that this project will help create 265 jobs, retain 123 additional jobs, and generate up to \$47 million in investments from businesses. Great news for UCF, our local photonics industry and for all of us in Central Florida. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Local Casting Company Grows Nationally

On the heels of its successful involvement in casting independent feature film *Monster*, which was filmed entirely in Metro Orlando, as well as an outstanding achievement award from the Casting Society of America for work on this project, local casting agency Kimberly Mullen/Mark Mullen Casting Inc. has gone national. This week, the company announced plans to open offices in Miami Beach and New Orleans. The *Monster* experience, which included 31 principal cast members from Central Florida and resulted in an Academy Award for lead actress Charlize Theron, inspired the Mullen's to expand their business. They will continue to market local and statewide talent, now on a broader front.

To create and sustain a prosperous
VISION
and diverse business community.

In concert with our investors and
MISSION
partners, the mission of the EDC is
to build a diverse economy capable
of withstanding dramatic shifts in
the global marketplace and to
position Metro Orlando as the
world's premier business location.

TECH TALK



Get in front of prospective
business partners!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to present at the **Fast & Furious – Partnering Conference!** Only 40 companies will be selected to

present – make sure you don't miss your opportunity to be one of them. Selected companies will receive two minutes and 30 seconds to present their firm's products, services and the type of partnership they are seeking.

The conference will be held on January 12 at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland. For more information, click [here](#). To apply, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Oct. 30 Smart City Charity Golf Tournament**
7:30 a.m. shotgun start
Orange Lake Country Club
Cost: \$65
Info: Tamela Vercamen at 407.828.6786
- Nov. 1- Dec. 6 UCF: Global Business Leadership Program**
Mondays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
UCF
Register [online](#) or call Dr. Kay Miinik at 407.823.0082
- Nov. 4 GrayRobinson - Employment Law Seminar**
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Embassy Suites Downtown Orlando
Cost: \$35
Info: [John Finnigan](#)
- Nov. 4 NAIOP: New Member/Prospective Member Breakfast**
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Citrus Club
Info: Stephen Aldridge at 407.370.0100
- Nov. 4-5 The UCF Leadership Edge**
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 11/4; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 11/5
Orlando Science Center
Cost: \$1,995; Register [online](#)
Info: [Adelina Ramos](#) at 407.882.0264
- Nov. 5 How Does "Civic Leadership" Affect Our Community?**
10:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Garden House at Harry P. Leu Gardens
Click [here](#) for flyer.
RSVP by Oct. 29: 407.317.7745
- Nov. 5 South Lake Hospital Invitational 2004**
10:15 a.m. shotgun start
Diamond Players Club, Clermont
Info: 352.394.4071 x4406
- Nov. 9 Internet by Experts Conference and Expo**
7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel, Universal Orlando
Info/Register: www.internetbyexperts.com
- Nov. 10 FAMU College of Law: "A Celebration of Provisional Accreditation"**
6:00 p.m. reception; 7:00 p.m. dinner
Rosen Plaza Hotel
Speaker: Dennis W. Archer, past president of the American Bar Association
Cost: \$100; \$1,000 per table
Info: 407.254.3265
- Nov. 12 EWI: "Reach for the Stars" Silent/Live Auction**
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Double Tree Hotel @ Universal
Info: [Lynette Wiggs](#)
- Nov. 16 UCF Orbit Executive Briefing**
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Orlando Science Center
Cost: \$165; Register [online](#)
Info: [Adelina Ramos](#) at 407.882.0264
- Nov. 17 Emerging Trends in Real Estate Conference**
7:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Radisson Plaza Hotel Orlando
Info/Register: click [here](#)
- Nov. 17 Technology Luncheon**
11:30 a.m.
Citrus Club
Speaker: Richard Fox, President of Metatech Ventures
Cost: \$25 Citrus Club members; \$30 guests
RSVP: 407.843.1080

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COMMUNITY ESTABLISHMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cushman & Wakefield: negotiated the following leases: 3,216 square feet of office space in Winter Park, 85,160 square feet of office space on Sand Lake Road, and an expansion of Raytheon's 14,420-square-foot office space by an additional 6,450 square feet. Rebecca_Golden@cushwake.com

Highwoods Properties, Inc.: signed Smith Barney to a lease for 10,090 square feet at Capital Plaza Two, Orlando. Tempe.Seibel@highwoods.com

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CONTRACT ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMPLETIONS

Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc.: handling \$2.8 million of electrical work on the 607-unit NorthBridge Apartments adjacent to The Mall at Millenia, Orlando. khc@crismktg.com

OUC - the Reliable One: and Southern Company selected by The U.S. Department of Energy to build a \$557 million advanced coal gasification facility in Central Florida as part of the department's Clean Coal Power Initiative. jsbecht@ouc.com

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KUDOS AND COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Akerman Senterfitt: Tina Lee, Orlando office, was named 2004 Paralegal of the Year by the Central Florida Paralegal Association. accounts-reply-70-2488490@webmail.bizjournals.com

Glating Jackson Kercher Anglin Lopez Rinehart, Inc.: Jeff M. Sugar and Andrew B. Sheppard, Orlando office, passed the registration exam to become landscape architects. DGaines@Glating.com

Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA): received the top award from the American Public Power Association (APPA) annual report competition. CGENT@kua.com

Progress Energy: received the outstanding achievement award from the American Business Communicators 2003 Annual Report competition. deborah.parker@pgnmail.com

University of Central Florida: received money from the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for the addition to the CREOL building; Ascendovations, a technology incubator company, has launched ExpressCheck, an interactive kiosk that will be marketed to hotels worldwide. susan@larryvershel.com

Williams Company: completing the \$1.85 million, 200,000-square-foot renovation project for Trammell Crow Company at 7575 Chancellor Drive, Orange County. www.williamsco.com

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