The CoreNet Global Southeast Florida Chapter is pleased to welcome you to our Annual Conference and this year’s theme - Real Estate in South Florida - Past, Present, and Future. For your benefit and information, we have prepared this brochure regarding South Florida and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have as part of the conference. Enjoy-

Mario Anicama, Chapter President
Although it is known as the sunshine state, Florida could just as easily be called the business-friendly state. From Florida’s advantageous corporate tax structure and a wide array of incentives designed to spur economic growth to a competitive workforce and outstanding infrastructure, it’s clear that Florida wants your business. Companies, CEOs and consultants from all over the world are taking notice of what Florida has to offer. In fact, our state is the second fastest growing in terms of job creation in the country.

**Large market**
- $777.2B state GDP, #4 in the US (BEA)
- $779.3B in personal income, #1 in the Southeast (BEA)
- Population of 19,317,568,
- #4 in the US (Census Bureau) 21st largest economy in the world (BEA & IMF)
- 90 million tourists annually (VISIT FL) Over $162B in merchandise trade (WISER)

**Modern Infrastructure**
- #1 infrastructure in the US (National Chamber Foundation)
- #2 transportation infrastructure (Business Facilities)
- 2 of the world’s busiest airports: MIA, MCO (Airports Council International)
- 15 deepwater seaports, 19 commercial service airports,
- 2 spaceports, 12,000+ miles of highways, nearly 3,000 miles of freight rail track routes (FDOT) -

**Talented Workforce**
- 9.4M civilian labor force (BLS) #3 Workforce (CNBC)
- #4 Talent Pipeline (National Chamber Foundation)
- #5 in high tech employment in the US (TechAmercia)
- 3rd lowest private sector unionization rate (unionstats.com)

**Business Climate**
- No personal income tax
- Ranked #2 Best State for Business (Chief Executive)
- #4 Best Business Climate (Business Facilities),
- #5 Tax Climate for Business (Tax Foundation).
- #5 for small business & entrepreneur-friendly policies (Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council)
- Leader in entrepreneurial activity (#14) (Kauffmann Foundation)
- 4th in number of women-owned businesses (Census)
- Expedited permitting process and regulatory assistance available.
- Targeted industry incentives including sales and use tax exemptions, and tax credits and refunds for capital investment, R&D, and job creation.

See more at: [http://www.poweringflorida.com/florida-advantage](http://www.poweringflorida.com/florida-advantage)
With convenient access to regional, U.S. and global markets; a unique multicultural, multilingual, skilled workforce; a dynamic business climate; an outstanding quality of life and long history of entrepreneurial success – South Florida is your global business connection.

Top reasons to choose South Florida:
• Strategic location in the Western Hemisphere
• Skilled, multi cultural, multilingual workforce
• Convenient, US and International air connections
• Seaports, free trade zones and multimodal cargo transportation
• More that 150 International consulates, trade offices and bi-national chambers of commerce that support international business
• Business-friendly government
• A competitive and highly favorable tax-climate
• Dynamic and diverse economy with a population over 5.5 million
• Economic and financial incentives
• Warm climate and exceptional quality of life

Top Companies Located in South Florida:

- ADT Corporation
- American Airlines
- American Express
- AutoNation
- Baptist Health South Florida
- B/E Aerospace
- Biotest AG
- Bombardier/LearJet
- Burger King Worldwide
- Cancer Treatment Centers of America
- Carnival Cruise Lines
- Citrix Systems
- CSI International
- DHL Worldwide Express
- Dycom Industries
- Elizabeth Arden
- Embraer
- FedEx Express
- Flanagan’s Enterprises
- Florida Blue
- Florida Light & Power
- Fresh Del Monte Produce
- General Dynamics C4 Systems
- The GEO Group
- Harris Corporation
- Heico Corporation
- Huizenga Holdings
- Jarden Corporation
- JM Family Enterprises
- Kaplan
- Kimley Horn
- Lennar
- Lockheed Martin
- Mastec
- Mednax
- Microsoft
- Motorola Mobility
- NCCI Corporation
- NextEra Energy
- Norwegian Cruise Lines
- Noven Pharmaceuticals
- Oasis Outsourcing
- Office Depot
- Oracle
- Patriot National, Inc.
- PetMed Express
- Perry Ellis International
- Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne
- The Related Group
- Research in Motion
- Rick Case Enterprises
- Royal Caribbean International
- Ryder System
- SBA Communications Corp.
- Secor Holdings
- Scripps Florida
- Sikorsky Aircraft
- Sony Corporation
- Spirit Airlines
- Southern Wines & Spirits of America
- Starmark International
- Stiles Corporation
- Telefonica
- Ultimate Software
- United Technologies
- Vector Group
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