

Lee County Economic Development is your  
**Business Partner**



**FORT MYERS**  
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP  
Lee County's Economic Development Office



# We're your partner

## Let's Grow

At the Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, we believe business is good for Lee County, and Lee County is good for business.

A department of Lee County Government, the Economic Development Office's three-part mission is:

1. To enhance the overall business environment in Lee County;
2. To retain and encourage expansion of existing businesses;
3. To attract new and diversified businesses resulting in high-wage, high-skilled jobs.

Ready to grow? If you want to expand, be sure to take advantage of the valuable resources on **FortMyersRegionalPartnership.com**.

For important updates, follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook. For more information, call us at **239.338.3161** or **800.330.3161**.





## Lee County Business Tools

The quickest, easiest way to utilize the valuable resources provided by the Fort Myers Regional Partnership is to visit the site that clicks with business, [FortMyersRegionalPartnership.com](http://FortMyersRegionalPartnership.com). You'll find a variety of free resources for local businesses that are also available in high-quality print, or on our website.

- Business Assistance Guide
- Demographic Profile
- Steps for Starting a Business
- Searchable Commercial Property Database
- Searchable Business Directory
- AND MORE!

Take a moment to explore the business resources available.

## Key Organizations

Successful economic development requires a community-wide effort with Lee County and its five cities – Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel.

The Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, also serves as staff to key organizations: The Horizon Council, Horizon Foundation and Industrial Development Authority.





## Lee County Business Services

The Fort Myers Regional Partnership's experienced staff provides an array of services to local business, free of charge and on a confidential basis.

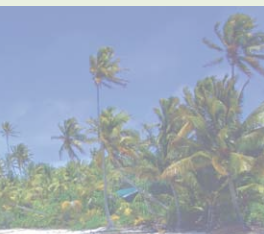
Here are few of the ways we can help to expand your business:

### Business Assistance

The Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, has a proactive existing business outreach program, provided by a staff of experts to facilitate business expansions, provide business information and convey key business climate issues. The team also disseminates information and facilitates meetings with government agencies that can provide assistance to local companies.

### Financial Assistance

Working with state and local agencies, as well as local financial institutions, the Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, provides information and assistance with funding sources for Lee County business. Sources include the Small Business Administration, Florida Economic Development Transportation Fund, Enterprise Bonds, and the Lee County Industrial Development Authority's Industrial Revenue Bond Program, as well as local financial institutions.



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### **Business Incentive Assistance**

The Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, provides information on Florida incentive programs such as sales tax refunds and exemptions, Incumbent Worker Training, Quick Response Training, and Enterprise Zone. Lee County programs such as Job Opportunity Program (LCJOP) for high-wage jobs are also available to locating or expanding target industries.

### **Employee Training & Recruitment Assistance**

The Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, acts as a liaison between businesses and local education and training providers. We also partner with the Workforce Development Board of Southwest Florida and SWFL Works, and can assist with obtaining state grants for training.

### **Site Selection Assistance**

Working closely with area landowners, developers and brokers, the Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, maintains a database of available industrial, warehouse and office buildings, business parks and freestanding sites. You can search this database quickly at [FortMyersRegionalPartnership.com](http://FortMyersRegionalPartnership.com).

### **Demographic & Statistical Assistance**

The research staff provides economic information on Lee County and Southwest Florida on such topics as demographics, utilities, taxes, education, labor availability, labor costs and support services.

### **Community Tours**

The staff is happy to introduce Lee County's outstanding attributes to clients, including key employees locating to the area.



## I want to partner with Lee County Economic Development!

*Send me the following information:*

- Business Assistance Guide
- Business Emergency Network Brochure
- Demographic Profile
- Enterprise Zone Brochure
- Horizon Council Brochure
- Horizon Foundation Brochure
- Industrial Development Authority Brochure
- Steps for Starting a Business Brochure
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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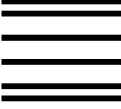
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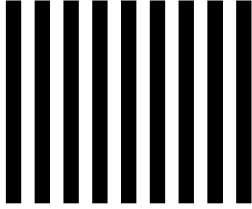
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- Please contact me. I think I might have an idea that would benefit Lee County.
- Please contact me. I think I might know a company that should expand or locate in Lee County.



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The Fort Myers  
Regional Partnership,  
Lee County's



Economic Development Office, works to attract new and diversified businesses resulting in high-wage, high-skilled jobs; retain and encourage expansion of existing businesses; and improve the overall business environment in Lee County.

The Horizon Council is a public/private advisory board to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners on



economic development issues. The Council is made up of members representing cities; chambers of commerce; economic development and trade organizations; and community, education and business organizations. The remaining serve as at-large members and officers.

This charitable 501(c)3 organization was established as a fundraising vehicle to



enable individuals and businesses to actively support the marketing efforts and success of the Horizon Council and Economic Development Office.

This public board appointed by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners authorizes Industrial Revenue Bonds and administers the Lee County Incentives Program.



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