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### **Liberty Medical Receives Governor's Business Diversification Award**

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Inc. (EDC) is proud to announce Liberty Medical of Port St. Lucie, FL as a recipient of a Governor's Business Diversification Awards in the business expansion category.

The Governor's Business Diversification Awards are given in recognition for exceptional contributions made last year toward statewide economic diversification were presented in Tallahassee as part of Florida's annual Industry Appreciation Week. The award recognizes successful job creation and distinctive community involvement and investment efforts, many of which fall into industries Florida targets for economic diversification and high wage job growth: aviation/aerospace, clean tech, financial/professional services, homeland security/defense, information technology, life sciences and manufacturing. Of 85 companies that competed this year in Mid Market (county population up to 150,000); Major Market (county population 150,001 to 800,000) and Mega Market (county population 800,001 and higher) 18 Florida companies from twelve counties won awards.



Liberty Medical ([www.LibertyMedical.com](http://www.LibertyMedical.com)) is a leading provider of medical products and services, including: Diabetes Supplies – providing testing supplies and other diabetes management products to eligible patients within diabetes. Currently more than a million people rely upon Liberty Medical for home delivery of their healthcare products.

As the second largest private employer in St Lucie County, Liberty Medical added 779 jobs in 2009 and \$5.8 million in capital investment. Liberty's 2009 growth included acquiring another company and bringing that business to the Port St Lucie facility. In addition to the expanded reach of Liberty's business, the expansion allowed Liberty to bring two lines of its parent company's business to Port St Lucie, as well.

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#### **About the EDC of St. Lucie County, Inc.:**

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Inc. is a 501c(6) not-for-profit, membership organization whose mission is to encourage a competitive environment that nurtures clusters of industries employing state-of-the-art technologies, a skilled workforce, and that stimulate economic growth through expansion of the private sector within St. Lucie County and the Research Coast.

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