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Fort Myers unemployment cut in half, job market improves

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The unemployment rate in the Fort Myers area fell from 11.9 percent to 4.5 percent within the past five years, an accomplishment Gov. Rick Scott recognized during his State of the State address on Tuesday.

Scott credited the drop to Mayor Randy Henderson's support of the Florida Enterprise Fund, a \$250 million pot for partnerships between businesses and state government. Henderson was one of six mayors recognized by Scott for their involvement in the program.

The Fort Myers area has seen a significant number of new jobs since 2010, including:
– Hertz Corporation, 700 jobs

- Gartner, Inc. , 400 jobs
- Paramount Transportation Logistics Services, 162 jobs
- Camuto Group, 50 jobs
- Advanced Components International LLC, 42 jobs

Employers in the Fort Myers area, which includes Naples, have added a total of 4,100 jobs in the last year, the governor's office said.

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