
BOEING CUTS 36 JOBS AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER



On Friday 36 Boeing employees working for NASA's space shuttle program at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida lost their jobs. 300 Boeing employees work on site in Florida at the center. Most of these jobs will be cut when the shuttles are retired this year. 7,000 space industry workers will lose their jobs by the end of the program, deepening the unemployment crisis in struggling Brevard County, Florida. The closing of the shuttle program is predicted to push unemployment rates in the county to 14%, one of the highest rates in the country. In response Governor Charlie Crist has pledged to hold a "Space Summit" on February 18 to explore ways the state can help alleviate the economic crisis.

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