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CAREER APPRENTICESHIPS OFFERED TO YOUNG ADULTS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS

(MIAMI, November 5, 2010) — South Florida Workforce Investment Board partners with the City of Miami Gardens to develop Honors Internship Program to create employment opportunities for young adults residing in the City of Miami Gardens.

The Honors Internship Program is a community-based internship, where young adults ages 16-21 are paired with administrators from various departments at the City of Miami Gardens to gain experience and first-hand knowledge in the field of Public Administration. Mentors participate in the program and share their time and talents so that interns will have meaningful, career-related experiences and learn how city government functions.

“It’s always encouraging to witness young people eager to serve in the community in which they live. It reinforces their commitment to bring forth a level of integrity, and insightful and innovative thinking that will help propel their community into a better place.” said, Rick Beasley, executive director of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

Upon acceptance into the program, a placement is arranged based on the student’s interests and abilities. The participants can potentially earn from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour and work up to 20 hours per week for approximately 32 weeks. During a preliminary interview, students and mentors discuss the activities involved in the internship in order to determine appropriateness of the placement. Mentors assess the student’s performance at the internship site. Additionally, proof of residency and income eligibility is required to participate in the Honors Internship Program.

About South Florida Workforce Investment Board

South Florida Workforce Investment Board is a public-private partnership and integral partner in Miami-Dade’s economic plan that initiates state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Additionally, South Florida Workforce services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of Career Centers located throughout the Region.

The Honors Internship Program is expected to begin in January 2011. Learn more about the Honors Internship Program by visiting www.southfloridaworkforce.com or call 305.594.7615.

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