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## MIAMI-DADE AND MONROE COUNTIES' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS TO 11.9

**(MIAMI, March 10, 2011)** — The Miami Dade and Monroe counties' unemployment rate for January 2011 decreased at 11.9. This signifies that 1,344,095 are out of labor force and there are 158,462 unemployed residents in the region.

In January 2011, total nonagricultural employment in the Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall metro area was 978,500, an increase of 0.6 percent over the year, faring better than the statewide, employment, which increased 0.4 percent over the same time period.

“There is growing optimism with the amount of available jobs slowly materializing in our region. South Florida Workforce continues to move forward with implementing policies that stimulates economic growth.” said Rick Beasley, executive director for South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

The total nonagricultural employment increased by 6,000 jobs over the year in the metro areas and came in second in the state for gaining the most jobs. Leisure and hospitality gained (+3400) jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities at (+3,000 jobs); education and health services (+2400), government (+800); and other services (+600) and professional and business services (+200).

Industries losing jobs over the year included mining, logging, and construction (-1,800 jobs); manufacturing (-1,100 jobs); financial activities (-800 jobs); and information (-700 jobs).

### Business Roundtables

South Florida Workforce partners with the Beacon Council and Miami Dade College to host a Business Incentives Roundtables for businesses in Miami-Dade, at no cost, on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at 10:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center 6300 NW 7 Avenue, Room 1103. The Roundtables will feature workforce and economic development experts, who will provide pertinent information to help businesses thrive in today's competitive economic climate. For more information, contact the Business Services Unit at 305-594-7615 ext. 407.

For more information on the Miami-Dade and Monroe counties' unemployment outlook, please contact South Florida Workforce at 305-594-7615 or visit [www.southfloridaworkforce.com](http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com).

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