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PRESS RELEASE

Three Local Firms Awarded \$75,143.00 in Training Funds



From left to right: Board Member Andre Perez, Chairman Bernardo Adrover, Jet Aviation Specialists' Andrew Walmsley and Board Member Edward Margolis.

Miami-Florida. The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) recently announced the award of \$75,143.00 in training funds to three local business enterprises: Jet Aviation Specialists Inc., Eagle Overhauling, Inc., and Southern Gear and Machine, Inc. Funded through the agency's Employed Worker Training (EWT) Program, the recent awards are part of the agency's business development initiative and are intended to increase the skills of existing workers in areas such as automotive electronics, geometric dimensioning and aviation related training to name a few.

Jet Aviation Specialists Inc., a small firm that repairs and overhauls ground turbine engine components for the local aviation industry was

the recipient of \$41,143.00 in subsidized training funds. In an industry suffering a severe shortage of qualified trades-people, the firm has set an objective to provide the most appropriate training available so that each staff member becomes an integral member of its team.

"We believe that these training dollars will help lead to a decrease in our turnover and improve employee moral and pride in the work that they do", Richard Gonzalez the firm's Quality Assurance Manager is quoted as saying. "The additional training will improve their economic standing as they demonstrate their value to the organization with the mastery of these skills; without the help of the SFWIB, none of this could have happened".

The EWT Program is an industry-driven initiative that was developed for the specific purpose of responding to the challenges of our increasingly diverse economy and the training needs of South Florida's businesses. The program is a core element of the SFWIBs strategic agenda to address higher level skill shortages and increase workforce participation and productivity. Further information about the EWT Program is available by visiting www.southfloridaworkforce.com.