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PRESS RELEASE

Governor Crist Visits West Dade Career Center



From left to right: Executive Director of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board, Rick Beasley and Governor of Florida, Charlie Crist.

Miami-Florida. Florida Governor Charlie Crist visited the West Dade Career Center on Wednesday, in an attempt to provide some semblance of hope to the many unemployed and displaced workers who seek services there every day. The Governor held an impromptu briefing with members of the local press corps and then toured the career center with Executive Director Rick Beasley and members of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board. Job seekers visiting the career center seemed visibly pleased by the Governor's visit and encouraged the Governor to move forward with his stimulus spending initiatives which may have a considerable economic impact on the region.

Between December 30th, 2007 and December 30th, 2008, an estimated 27,000 workers have lost their jobs in Workforce Region 23 with total unemployment reaching an estimated 7 percent. In some pockets of Miami-Dade County, unemployment is already in the double digits. "Already we've seen job cuts by many of South Florida's major employers. We know that many small businesses are also finding it tough to keep their staff employed. In the coming year, it's jobs that matter the most," Executive Director, Rick Beasley said, adding that he supports the Governor's stimulus spending plan since it means jobs for the region's workforce.