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South Florida Workforce Launches 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program

(MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FL) – In an attempt to equip South Florida’s youth between the ages of 14 to 24 with workforce experience, South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) has partnered with regional businesses and governmental entities to spearhead a 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program. The Program links youth participants to employers, affording participants an opportunity to develop employability skills and exposure to diverse careers.

The Summer Youth Employment Program will be funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) dollars. As the local agency receiving ARRA dollars, SFWIB will administer funds to participating employers to cover the salary costs of eligible youth participants. The Program is scheduled to commence May 1, 2010 and terminate at the close of business on September 30, 2010.

According to SFWIB Executive Director Roderick Beasley, “The Summer Youth Employment Program is a great investment in our youth. It is an opportunity for local employers to make a meaningful contribution to their community by providing youth with employment arenas to develop work readiness skills. The Program will not only improve the local economy but more importantly will provide career exposure to our future workforce. I encourage anyone who is in a position to offer a placement opportunity to contact us to discuss the Program.”

For more detailed information about SFWIB’s Summer Youth Employment Program, please visit South Florida Workforce’s website: www.southfloridaworkforce.com.

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