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**South Florida Workforce Awards \$300,000 to the City of Miami
to Expand the Elevate Miami Initiative**

(Miami-Dade County, Florida) – The City of Miami and South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) have partnered to expand the outreach of Elevate Miami, a program geared at preparing South Florida residents and businesses with the tools necessary to effectively participate in the digital age. Elevate Miami is a part of SFWIB's Digital Divide Project which strives to provide internet access to low-income South Florida communities. The long-term goal of the Project is the development of a thriving technology-skilled workforce. Elevate Miami will assist in achieving that goal by opening 38 public computer centers and teaching digital literacy courses to youth, adults, seniors and businesses.

SFWIB has awarded \$299,440.00 in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) resources to cover the costs of the digital literacy courses which are offered in two 12 week segments. The courses will be taught by 38 computer training instructors, and 38 technology coaches will conduct open lab training and one-on-one assistance. Approximately, 1,140 TANF eligible residents will benefit from this City of Miami-SFWIB partnership.

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