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Florida Back to Work Program to assist South Florida Businesses

Miami, Florida – The South Florida Workforce Investment Board announced today that it is Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties’ link for the statewide “Florida Back to Work” program recently introduced by Governor Charlie Crist to bolster the economy of the State and to create new jobs.

Under the rules of the “Florida Back to Work” program, public and private employers will be able to submit an application through South Florida Workforce for participation in this project. If the State approves the application, up to 95 percent of salary costs for new employees will be covered on a limited time basis.

The pool of federal funds available to the South Florida Region is to assist in lowering the Region’s unemployment rate, which reached 10.4 percent in November, compared to the State’s unemployment rate of 11.5 percent.

Rick Beasley, Executive Director of South Florida Workforce, stated “Some of our local businesses and municipalities are struggling due to the current downturn in our economy. The Florida Back to Work program presents an excellent opportunity for them to lower the cost of hiring additional employees while expanding or improving their operations. At the same time, the program will help invigorate the regional economy and help local businesses remain fully competitive in the marketplace.”

Businesses or municipalities interested in participating in the program should call South Florida Workforce at: (305) 594-7615, ext. 407, or inquire by e-mail at: ckavehersi@southfloridaworkforce.com.

The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB), chartered by the State of Florida, is one of 24 regional Workforce Boards in Florida. It is the regional workforce development board representing Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Its various programs and employer services, including employment, employee training, labor market information, and professional recruiting services, contributes to the growth opportunities of all businesses in the region. Additional information is available at South Florida Workforce’s website:

<http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com/w/FloridaBackToWork/FL%20Back%20to%20Work%20Initiative.pdf>

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