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### **\$400,000 AWARDED TO THE LIFE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK**

*“The region’s economic future depends on life science jobs”*

**(MIAMI, Aug 30, 2011)** — In partnership with Miami Dade College and the University of Miami, the South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) awards \$400,000 in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training dollars to ensure the region has the talent to meet the needs of the growing life sciences sector, which is critical to the growth of the economy.

Located in the heart of Miami’s Health District, the Life Sciences and Technology Park will boast start-ups to established entities of biotech and life science-related companies and institutes. This incubator of learning will help foster technical careers in the life sciences among residents in economically distressed communities.

SFWIB recognizes that the availability of a skilled workforce attracts businesses to the region. “Through awarding \$400,000 towards the Life Science and Technology Park, the South Florida Workforce is essentially ensuring that a skilled workforce is available to meet industry requirements for the life science sector of our economy,” said Rick Beasley, executive director for South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

Through this unique partnership with the University of Miami and Miami Dade College, participants who successfully complete the program are guaranteed a placement in a job. This joint initiative provides an excellent example of how SFWIB is working with employers to help sustain economic growth in our region.

#### **About South Florida Workforce Investment Board**

South Florida Workforce Investment Board is a public-private partnership and integral partner in Miami-Dade’s economic plan that initiates state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Additionally, South Florida Workforce services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of Career Centers located throughout the Region.

Learn more about Life Sciences and Technology Park by contacting SFWIB at 305-594-7615 or by visiting [www.southfloridaworkforce.com](http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com).

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