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A NEW CAREER CENTER TO OPEN IN SOUTH MIAMI

Serving the communities through economic development

(MIAMI, July 10, 2012) – In an effort to meet the economic development and employment needs of the City of South Miami, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, and the South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) in partnership with the City of South Miami Community Redevelopment Agency Board (SMCRA) will open a new Career Center to deliver employment and training services. The grand opening will take place on Friday, July 27, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at 5825 SW 68 Street Suite 3 South Miami, FL 33143.

The SFWIB's Career Centers have positively impacted the communities economically throughout our region by providing valuable services by offering job-ready, competent skilled workers to businesses and training, education and employment opportunities to individual citizens.

"We are excited to embark on this partnership with the City of South Miami Community Redevelopment Agency Board in providing employment services for area residents, which is critical to the continued economic growth of the community. Through our support, we are able to improve the job seekers qualifications and bring them together with employers who can benefit from their skills," said Rick Beasley, executive director for South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

There are currently 12 Career Centers that are located throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. The Career Center's hours of operation are from Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The grand opening of the South Miami Career Center is free to the public. Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez of District 7 and Deputy Mayor Russell Benford will deliver remarks. Invited to the grand opening are local clergy, stakeholders, members of the community, board members from SFWIB and City of South Miami Community Redevelopment Agency.

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.

For more information on the grand opening of the South Miami Career Center, please contact SFWIB at 305-594-7615 and for a listing of Career Centers, visit

<http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com/w/locationsCareerCenter.html>

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