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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES TO DECLINE

3.4% increase in job gains over the year

(MIAMI, October 17, 2014) – The South Florida region added 35,400 jobs over the year, while the non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined for September to 6.7 percent. Total nonagricultural employment for September was 1,091,700, an increase of 3.4 percent. Statewide, nonagricultural employment increased 2.8 percent over the same time period.

Miami-Dade County's unemployment rate was 6.8% and 3.7 percent in Monroe County, the two counties that comprise the CareerSource South Florida region. Miami-Dade County's unemployment rate was 1.3 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 8.1 percent. Monroe County's unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the year-ago rate of 4.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,346,657 there were 90,349 unemployed residents in the region.

"The South Florida region continues to experience significant job growth, the role of CareerSource South Florida is to continue assist businesses find skilled workers, as well as, provide access to training, and career advancement opportunities for our regional citizens, said Rick Beasley, executive director of CareerSource South Florida.

The industries with job gains in September were seen in trade, transportation and utilities, adding 10,400 jobs; professional and business services 6,800 jobs; mining, logging and construction 4,500 jobs; other services 3,900 jobs; leisure and hospitality 3,700 jobs; financial activities 2,700 jobs; education and health services 2,500 jobs; and manufacturing 2,300 jobs. Government was the only industry to lose jobs with 1,500 jobs.

About CareerSource South Florida

CareerSource South Florida 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. CareerSource South Florida's services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of Centers located throughout the region.

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