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SEQUESTRATION CUTS IMPACT SERVICES

(MIAMI – July 3, 2013) — As a result of the federal sequestration, a 20% funding cut is slated to impact job seeker and business services for program year 2013-2014, announced South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB).

When asked about the budgetary challenges that the agency is facing, Executive Director Rick Beasley spoke of the reductions, which may result in the consolidation of Career Centers and implementing system improvement strategies.

“South Florida Workforce will monitor and evaluate its cost reduction strategies, while maintaining its overall effectiveness in business and employment services in the region,” said Rick Beasley, executive director for the South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

SFWIB is an integral part of Florida’s workforce system; SFWIB offers job seekers employment and training services at no cost. The workforce board assists about 120,000 people a year. Many services are provided online at www.EmployFlorida.com, in addition to direct service delivery through 14 Career Centers in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

The agency’s Business Services offers viable solutions that assist companies in remaining competitive. Some of the incentives offered by SFWIB and its partners include help with offsetting the costs of hiring new employees and training their existing workforce.

ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

South Florida Workforce Investment Board is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Additionally, South Florida Workforce Investment Board’s services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of career centers located throughout the region.

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