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SERVICES WILL NOT BE IMPACTED

(MIAMI – October 1, 2013) — While the government shutdown is now upon us, South Florida Workforce Investment Board announced it will continue to provide the same level of services to job seekers and businesses.

"The Government shutdown will not impede on our ability to effectively deliver services. Our continued goal is to cultivate a highly skilled workforce, and provide access to training, education, employment, and career advancement opportunities for our regional citizens," said Rick Beasley, executive director of South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

In July 2013, the agency endured a 20% funding cut for program year 2013-2014, which resulted from the federal sequestration. SFWIB is an integral part of Florida's workforce system, which offers job seekers employment and training services at no cost. 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 to remain 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.

For more information, including valuable resources for businesses and job seekers, please visit www.southfloridaworkforce.com or call 305-594-7615.

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