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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PAULETTE LEWIS TO KEYNOTE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

"Expanding economic opportunities in South Florida"

(MIAMI, February 11, 2013) — Businesses interested in learning valuable techniques and best practices on sustaining growth in this competitive market are invited to participate in the South Florida Workforce Investment Board Business Incentives Roundtable. The event will take place on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at the South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) Headquarters 7300 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 500 - Conference Room 3, Miami, FL 33126.

The workshop series is designed to inform leaders in the business community on how to access and benefit from various financial incentives and other valuable resources offered by SFWIB and its partners. Some of these incentives include assistance with the costs of hiring new employees and training their existing workforce.

Ms. Paulette Lewis, the regional administrator for the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Women's Bureau, will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Lewis will share information on workplace flexibility, "Green" and non-traditional jobs for women, and the Trauma Guide for companies who are interested in hiring women veterans. Also in attendance will be Millie Herrera, U.S. Department of Labor Southeast Regional Representative, for Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.

As Regional Administrator, Ms. Lewis is responsible for advancing the Bureau's mission and implementing its programs to promote policies and standards that safeguard the interests of working women, advocate for their equality and economic security and promote quality work environments.

Prior to coming aboard with the Women's Bureau, Ms. Lewis was Chief of Discretionary Programs for DOL's Employment and Training Administration and had regional oversight responsibility for grants totaling nearly half a billion dollars. Her previous work included serving as Regional Advocate for the U. S. Small Business Administration.

This Business Incentives Roundtable is in partnership with the Beacon Council and NANA. Businesses interested in participating in this dynamic opportunity must register online at <https://iapps.southfloridaworkforce.com/brt/>. Lunch will be provided at this free event. Space is limited.

About South Florida Workforce Investment Board

South Florida Workforce 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 Business Incentives Roundtables, contact Cheri Kavehersi, business services manager at 305.594.7615 ext.407 and/or business@southfloridaworkforce.com.

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