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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN 9.0%

10,500 jobs added in over-the-year growth

(MIAMI – April 19, 2013) – The South Florida region’s job growth is picking up pace with 10,500 jobs added in over-the-year growth. The unemployment rate for the region (non-seasonally adjusted) is down 9.0% March 2013.

The unemployment rate for Miami-Dade County was 9.2%, 0.1 percentage points higher than the year-ago rate of 9.1 percent. The Monroe County’s unemployment rate of 3.8% was 1.3 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 5.1 percent. This represents 120,764 jobless out of a labor force of 1,342,703.

More than 7,000 jobs were added in trade, transportation and utilities; followed by leisure and hospitality 4,500; financial activities 2,600 jobs; professional and business services 2,600 jobs; education and health services 1,200; mining, logging and construction 500 jobs.

“The steady pace of job growth in the region is driving the regional economy in a positive direction. South Florida Workforce is focused on establishing strategic partnerships with businesses and identifying employment opportunities and linking them to qualified candidates,” said Rick Beasley, executive director of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

The industries losing jobs over-the-year included government with 5,000 jobs, followed by manufacturing with 2,100 jobs, and other services with 800 jobs.

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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