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### **STEADY GAINS: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 9.3%**

(MIAMI – March 29, 2013) – While the February 2013 unemployment rate (non-seasonally adjusted) for the South Florida region is 9.3%, 12,700 jobs were added in over-the-year growth.

The unemployment rate was 9.4% in Miami-Dade County in February 2013, 0.2 percentage points higher than the year-ago rate of 9.2 percent. The Monroe County's unemployment rate of 4.2% was 1.1 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 5.3 percent. This represents 125,971 jobless out of a labor force of 1,361,232.

More than 7,000 jobs were added in trade, transportation and utilities; followed by leisure and hospitality 4,900; professional and business services 3,300 jobs; financial activities 2,800 jobs; education and health services 1,500 and information 100 jobs.

“South Florida Workforce is encouraged by the continuing trend of private sector jobs added in 2013. This is an indicator that employers are hiring. We will continue our efforts to upgrade the skills of jobseekers and offer businesses resources to sustain growth,” said Rick Beasley, executive director of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

The industries losing jobs over-the-year included government with 4,800 jobs, followed by manufacturing with 1,300 jobs, and other services with 800 jobs.

### **ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

South Florida Workforce 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 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](http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com) or call 305-594-7615.

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