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## YOUNG ADULTS TO GAIN WORK EXPERIENCE

Serving the communities through economic development

(MIAMI, January 18, 2013) – Young adults throughout Miami-Dade County will have an opportunity to earn an income, while learning the inner workings of government departments. Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, in partnership with the South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB), announces the Miami-Dade Youth Training and Employment Program. This initiative is designed to enhance young adults' career-readiness skills.

The Miami-Dade Youth Training and Employment Program affords young adults an opportunity to be paired with administrators from various County departments. The program will begin in March, 2013 through October 30, 2013. Participants will work 20 hours a week and earn \$10 an hour in various positions.

"Connecting our young adults to our government is key to educating them about careers in the public sector and keeping them in our region," said Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez. "Enhancing the work-readiness skills of our young adults through special programs like this is critical to the continued growth of our community."

"Young adults will not only gain valuable experience learning how our County government functions, but gain transferable career readiness skills," said Rick Beasley, Executive Director for South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

The selection process will be done by lottery for candidates, who meet program eligibility requirements. Participants must be 18-21 years of age and reside in Miami-Dade County. Open registration is currently available on <u>http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com/w/index.html</u>. Interested candidates who have questions may call 305-594-7615 ext 292.

## About South Florida Workforce Investment Board

South Florida Workforce Investment Board 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, please contact SFWIB Youth Services at 305-594-7615 or visit www.southfloridaworkforce.com

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