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CAREERSOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA RECEIVES 2015 VETERANS' PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE AWARD

(MIAMI, October 30, 2015) – On September 21, 2015, CareerSource South Florida was awarded the 2015 Veterans' Performance Incentive Award by the State of Florida. The Jobs for Veterans Act establishes a program to provide performance incentive awards to recognize Workforce Regions that provide excellent employment services to veterans. The incentive awards are intended to encourage the improvement of employment, training, and placement services for veterans and recognize workforce development partners for excellence or demonstrated improvements in the provision of services to veterans.

CareerSource South Florida was specifically recognized for superior performance and professional achievement in the areas of Social Media, Job Fairs and improved advocacy for Homeless Veterans. Local Veterans' Representatives created the first training workshops to teach veterans how to use social media in their job search efforts and even created LinkedIn accounts for each veteran. CareerSource South Florida Veteran Representatives also partnered with Florida International University to host the largest veteran job fair in the state with over 60 employers and 500 veterans. CareerSource South Florida will partner with both Florida International University and the University of Miami this year to host veteran hiring fairs. As active members of the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness, Veteran Representatives played a key role in helping veterans remove barriers to employment and as a direct result of their efforts, CareerSource South Florida has the third highest Entered Employment Rate in the state.

A review committee comprised of representatives from the Department of Economic Opportunity CareerSource Florida, and the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training, reviewed each nominee and CareerSource South Florida was recognized as the winner in the Large Workforce Board Category. The award is a \$37,000 cash award that will be used to continue to advance the services that CareerSource South Florida provides for their local veteran population.

About CareerSource South Florida

CareerSource South Florida is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. CareerSource South Florida's services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of centers located throughout the region.

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