



Florida Back to Work Expands to Private Sector Employers

Workforce Connection, serving Citrus, Levy and Marion Counties, is the first Workforce Board in Florida to access special stimulus funds for subsidized employment. The pilot program with the Florida Department of Children and Families Call Center that funded 76 new temporary jobs in our region is being expanded to include private employers in addition to not-for-profit and public sector employers.

Florida Back to Work is a viable way to create new jobs as we face tremendous unemployment in our region. Funding comes from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds, available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's (ARRA) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF). Florida can provide up to \$200 million in additional one-time, non-recurring federal funds for jobs for Florida's neediest citizens. Positions can be funded through September 30, 2010.

Private, public and not-for-profit employers can participate in the unique grant funding to subsidize 100 percent of the wages and 80 percent of the non-wage costs through September 30, 2010 for eligible low income applicants. Eighty percent of some benefits may be able to be reimbursed. Workforce will reimburse employers for monthly wages and applicable benefits paid during the previous month.

Job candidates eligible for the employment program will include parents with a child younger than 18 whose family income is less than 200% of federal poverty level in the last 30 days. Applicants must be enrolled on www.EmployFlorida.com to apply for jobs . Workforce will screen applicants for eligibility and skills to meet employer needs.

To learn more about the program, attend one of the following **Florida Back to Work Briefings** sponsored by Workforce Connection, Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce and Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Corporation, at Central Florida Community

College Ewers Century Center, in the Klein Conference Facility, located at 3001 SW College Road, Ocala, FL 34474, across from the Paddock Park Mall. The briefings will be on Tuesday, January 12, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Tuesday, January 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., both in the Klein Conference Facility, Building 40. Please note the event is designed for prospective employers wanting to participate in the program, not for job candidates.

Workforce staff will be available after the briefings to go over particular questions about an employment project and to assist you in filling out grant paperwork. Briefings will be held simultaneously in Klein Conference Rooms A and B for private sector employers and not-for-profit/public sector employers. Please call Workforce if you need more information at 352-873-7939, ext. 1606.

Workforce Connection is a member of the Employ Florida network of workforce services and resources. Workforce Connection is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. All voice telephone numbers listed above may be reached by persons using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711. If you need accommodations, please call 352-840-5700, ext. 7878 or e-mail accommodations@clmworkforce.com. Please make request at least three business days in advance.

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