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CareerSource South Florida Invest over \$1.2 Million in National Dislocated Worker Grant Funds for Displaced Hospitality Workers

MIAMI – May 19, 2020 – CareerSource South Florida (CSSF) is investing \$1,279,113 in National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) funds to hire Dislocated Hospitality Workers in disaster-relief temporary employment. The dislocated workers hired to participate in the program will be responsible for the distribution of food and other humanitarian assistance within three Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation (MDCR) facilities.

The hotel industry employs approximately 4% of the total U.S. workforce, nearly 8.3 million people, according to Visit Florida officials. The industry attracts approximately 111.8 million domestic visitors, with an estimated 10.8 million overseas and 3.5 million Canadians each year. With so many of these employees currently being out of work or losing hours due to limited travel as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the economic impact is huge and disastrous.

CSSF in partnership with the Greater Miami and Beaches Hotel Association and UNITE HERE Local 355, will assist in the recruitment efforts for displaced workers in the hospitality industry.

“This is a remarkable example of an innovative local partnership that will create employment opportunities for individuals in the hospitality industry that have been laid off or furloughed during this difficult time. We believe in the power of collaboration to drive greater and faster progress, to encourage cross-field thinking and collective action,” said Rick Beasley, Executive Director, CareerSource South Florida.

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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