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Workforce Florida Board of Directors Appointments Key to Governor Scott's Economic Development, Jobs Focus

Tallahassee, August 15, 2011 - Governor Rick Scott's recent appointments and reappointments to the Workforce Florida Inc. Board of Directors reflect his administration's commitment to economic development and job growth, said Workforce Florida leaders. They welcomed the Governor's selection of new and reappointed members, emphasizing the important role they will play in helping establish Florida as a leader in the globally competitive marketplace.

The appointments come as the Board of Directors prepares for its quarterly meetings this week in Jacksonville. Over two days, the Board will focus on the state's international trade economy, including a tour of JAXPORT and a Chief Executives Roundtable with leaders from CSX Corporation, PenserSC and Southeast Toyota Distributors, among others. Governor Rick Scott will deliver the keynote address at the Board Dinner. Workforce Florida, the public-private statewide workforce investment board, is among the entities collaborating with the Executive Office of the Governor and the newly created Department of Economic Opportunity to implement the administration's job growth and retention priorities.

"Governor Scott's appointments to our Board of Directors could not come at a better time," said Workforce Florida President/CEO Chris Hart IV. "They affirm his continued commitment to developing a talented workforce that will set Florida above the rest. I know each of the new and continuing board members will help Florida achieve this mission."

Newly appointed to the Board are:

- Robert Gidel, 59, of Orlando, the managing member of Liberty Capital Advisors LLC, appointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending July 6, 2014.

- Wayne Rosen, 56, of Coral Gables, owner and president of Shores Development Inc., appointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending March 21, 2013.
- Richard Shriver, 58, of Tallahassee, North Florida division human resources vice president of Hospital Corporation of America, appointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending March 21, 2014.
- Steven Sonenreich, 57, of Miami, president and chief executive officer of Mount Sinai Medical Center, appointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending March 21, 2014.

In addition, the following members have been reappointed to the Board:

- Don Gugliuzza, 59, of Bradenton, chief operating officer of Mileo and Associates Inc. He is reappointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending March 21, 2014.
- Leslie Ingram, 34, of Pensacola, vice president of consumer operations for Overgroup Consulting. She is reappointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending March 21, 2014.
- Eric Kennedy, 69, of Margate, a program manager at Palm Beach State College. He is reappointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending July 6, 2012.
- Andre Perez, 34, of Miami, director and chief financial officer of The Academy. He is reappointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending July 6, 2014.
- Al Stimac, 58, of Altamonte Springs, president of Metal Essence Inc. He is reappointed for a term beginning August 11, 2011, and ending July 6, 2014.

"I look forward to working with our newest members, and continuing to work with those who have been a part of this dynamic board, as we work with our economic development partners to meet the needs of Florida's businesses and citizens," said Vice Chair Mary Lou Brunell. "Together, we can advance the state's long-term workforce development priorities."

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Workforce Florida Inc. is the statewide workforce investment board led by business and government leaders and charged with overseeing Florida's workforce system, which includes the Agency for Workforce Innovation and 24 Regional Workforce Boards. Its mission is to develop strategies that help Floridians enter, remain and advance in the workforce while supporting economic development priorities and strengthening the state's business climate. Learn more about Florida's workforce resources and solutions at www.EmployFlorida.com.

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