

ALVIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION...

AND THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO SHARE IN THIS EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WAS SELECTED TO HOST THE LAUNCH OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S NEW UNIFIED WORKFORCE SYSTEM - CAREER SOURCE FLORIDA.

WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED BY THE NEW STRATEGY THE CHAIR MENTIONED - THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW SERVICE MODEL TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, OUR GOAL IS TO CONTINUE TO BUILD A WORLD-CLASS ECONOMIC CLIMATE WHERE PEOPLE WILL WANT TO LIVE, WORK, AND INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY.

MATCHING THE NEEDS OF JOB SEEKERS AND BUSINESSES IS ESSENTIAL TO REACHING THIS GOAL.

THE COMPANIES THAT CREATE THE JOBS WE NEED WON'T COME HERE IF WE DON'T HAVE A WORKFORCE THAT IS PREPARED FOR THOSE JOBS.

THAT IS WHY TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS SO IMPORTANT.

THE NEW ECONOMY DEMANDS THAT WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TOWARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...

ENSURING THAT OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES HAVE THE BEST ACCESS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY.

CAREER SOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA IS A VALUABLE PARTNER WHOSE EFFORTS AIM FOR HIGHER-SKILLED AND BETTER PAYING JOBS FOR ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS.

THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN EMERGING AREAS, WHERE CAREER SOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA HAS RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF STEM EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THESE JOBS.

TO THAT END, IN ITS SECOND YEAR, CAREER SOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA IS SPONSORING A COMPREHENSIVE FIVE-DAY PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL FLIGHT ACADEMY IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

THIS PROGRAM UTILIZES AVIATION TO EXPOSE YOUTH TO STEM OCCUPATIONS, PREPARING THEM TO BE PART OF THE FUTURE WORKFORCE IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY.

I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO CAREER SOURCE FLORIDA FOR SPONSORING ITS QUARTERLY WORKFORCE BOARD MEETING AT THE NATIONAL FLIGHT ACADEMY, WHICH PROMPTED THIS INITIATIVE.

WE'VE ALSO WORKED WITH THE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION COMMUNITY, AND WITH CAREER SOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA TO LAUNCH ACTIVELY INVESTING IN MIAMI-DADE ("THE AIM INITIATIVE").

THIS IS A COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT THAT IS ESTABLISHED TO EXPAND EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUNG ADULTS.

THE AIM INITIATIVE IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S FUTURE LEADERS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS.

AND, TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES, CAREER SOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA IS PARTNERING WITH OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES TO ENHANCE SERVICES AND EXPAND THEIR GEOGRAPHIC FOOTPRINT IN THE COMMUNITY.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW CAREER SOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA IS HELPING TO BUILD THE TALENTED WORKFORCE THAT WILL SUPPORT AND ENSURE FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

AND, THIS UNIFIED SYSTEM WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO PREPARE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES OF TOMORROW.

TOGETHER WITH CAREER SOURCE FLORIDA...

WE'RE ALL ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WORKING FOR THE FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR STATE!

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!