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**Statement from Workforce Florida President/CEO Chris Hart IV
Regarding Governor Rick Scott's 2012-2013 Proposed State Budget**

TALLAHASSEE, December 7, 2011 - "Governor Rick Scott continues to advance solutions to ensure Florida's economy is growing and our business climate is primed to accelerate private-sector job creation. The Governor's focus on education, workforce training and employment assistance better positions the state to respond to the talent needs of businesses while enhancing opportunities for job seekers to access services aimed at helping them get to work."

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About Workforce Florida

Workforce Florida Inc. is the statewide workforce investment board led by business and government leaders and charged with policy setting for Florida's workforce system, which includes the Department of Economic Opportunity 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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