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**CareerSource Florida Board Appointments Reflect a Continued
Commitment to a Growing Workforce and Economy**

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature reaffirmed their commitment to a strong workforce and economy with their recent appointments to the CareerSource Florida board of directors. Yesterday, eight Florida business leaders – representing industries including technology, homeland security and defense, financial services, and human resources and staff consulting – were appointed or reappointed by Gov. Scott to the board. On Jan. 8, House Speaker Steve Crisafulli appointed two members of the House of Representatives to serve on the board alongside business, education and other government leaders.

“The recent appointments to the CareerSource Florida board of directors are a welcome addition to an already strong group of leaders. With the newest members, we are well-positioned to build on past successes, focus on emerging business needs, and take Florida’s workforce development to the next level,” said board Chairman Britt Sikes.

CareerSource Florida is the business-led statewide workforce policy and investment board charged with directing Florida’s workforce system – known as the CareerSource Florida network. The network, which includes 24 regional partners and the Department of Economic Opportunity, served more than 101,300 businesses over the [2013-2014 fiscal year](#), representing an increase of more than twice the number of businesses served in the previous year. During this same period, the network provided employment and career development assistance to nearly 489,700 job seekers who successfully secured employment. About 30,000 of these men and women are military veterans.

“The newly appointed members of our board of directors are proven leaders within their industries, organizations and communities. We look forward to working with them and our partners in economic development and education to create more opportunities for Florida’s families as we make Florida the global leader for talent,” said CareerSource Florida President and CEO Chris Hart IV.

The board members newly appointed by Gov. Scott are:

- **Timothy J. Center**, of Tallahassee, a principal at Centerfield Strategy and Executive Director of Sustainable Florida. He is appointed for a term ending on March 21, 2017;
- **Rose E. Conry**, of Orange Park, the CEO of StaffTime in Jacksonville. She is appointed for a term ending on July 6, 2016;

- **Bryan da Frota**, of Gainesville, the CEO and co-founder of Prioria Robotics. He is appointed for a term ending on March 21, 2017;
- **Arnie Girnun**, of Miami, the President of New Horizons South Florida. He is appointed for a term ending on March 10, 2018;
- **Thomas McIntosh**, of Alachua, the owner of Berkshire Hathaway Trend Realty and Trend Management Solutions in Gainesville. He succeeds Leslie Ingram and is appointed for a term ending on March 21, 2017; and,
- **Ardian Zika**, of Land O'Lakes, the Director of Commercial Banking and Senior Vice President at Florida Community Bank for the Tampa Bay region. He is appointed for a term ending on March 10, 2018.

The board members reappointed by Gov. Scott are:

- **Edwin H. Moore**, of Tallahassee, the president and CEO of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. He is appointed for a term ending on July 6, 2017; and,
- **Richard Shriver**, of Fort Lauderdale, the senior consultant for Leadership and Organizational Development at HCA National. He is appointed for a term ending on July 6, 2016.

The board members appointed by Speaker Crisafulli are:

- **Rep. Frank Artiles**, of Miami, who represents District 118 in the Florida House of Representatives; and,
- **Rep. Elizabeth Porter**, of Lake City, who represents District 10 in the Florida House of Representatives.

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About CareerSource Florida

CareerSource Florida is the statewide workforce policy and investment board of business and government leaders charged with overseeing the CareerSource Florida network, which includes the Department of Economic Opportunity, 24 regional workforce boards and nearly 100 career centers. CareerSource Florida connects employers with qualified, skilled talent and Floridians with employment and career development opportunities to achieve economic prosperity. Learn more at careersourceflorida.com or 1-866-352-2345.

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