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Workforce Florida Names Scott Fennell Executive Vice President for Operations and CFO

TALLAHASSEE – Scott Fennell will join Workforce Florida Inc. as the Executive Vice President for Operations and Chief Financial Officer effective Aug. 6. He will report to President and CEO Chris Hart IV.

Fennell, a Certified Public Accountant, has more than 15 years of experience working with workforce and economic development budgets and policy as well as governmental audits.

"We look forward to the strong leadership Scott will bring to this important position at Workforce Florida," said Hart. "His knowledge and experience will ensure we continue our track record of investment in innovative workforce solutions, while maintaining the fiscal accountability and transparency essential to our organization's integrity and the public's trust in the state workforce system."

Since 2007, Fennell has served as a Senior Legislative Analyst for the Florida House of Representatives, where he advised legislative leaders on policy and budget issues affecting economic, workforce and community development. Prior to that, he was the Chief Administrative Officer for the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development. Fennell began his career serving as a Senior Auditor for the Florida Auditor General.

The selection of Workforce Florida's new Executive Vice President culminates a national search to fill the vacancy created with the retirement of Larry Champion, Workforce Florida's first Executive Vice President for Operations and CFO.

Fennell also will serve as Workforce Florida's Treasurer, an appointment that will require approval from the Board of Directors at their August meeting. Additionally, Fennell will serve as the Workforce Florida staff lead to the Board's Finance and Administration Council. The statewide council focuses on ensuring Florida resources available for employment, training and support services are used effectively and efficiently in compliance with federal and state laws and policies and with the utmost accountability.

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About Workforce Florida

Workforce Florida Inc. is the statewide workforce investment board of business and government leaders charged with overseeing Florida's workforce system, which includes the Department of Economic Opportunity, 24 Regional Workforce Boards and nearly 100 One-Stop Career Centers. Workforce Florida's mission is to develop strategies that help Floridians enter, remain and advance in the workforce to support economic development and strengthen the state's business climate. Learn more about Florida's workforce resources and solutions at www.EmployFlorida.com.