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Tom Clendenning  
Director  
Division of Workforce Services  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
107 East Madison St, Caldwell Building  
Tallahassee, FL, 32399

Dear Mr. Clendenning:

On behalf of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), I am pleased to inform you that Florida has been selected to receive the prestigious 2014 SEAL Award!

The State Excellence Award for Leadership (SEAL Award) is an award which honors a state, not an individual, for a workforce related program, project or initiative, which addresses an issue or challenge. The NASWA Awards Committee felt Florida's submission exemplified the characteristics of the criteria.

The award will be presented during the *Salute to Leadership Awards Ceremony* at NASWA's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Burlington, Vermont, on Thursday, September 18, 2014, between 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You may visit our Conference website for registration and hotel information at <http://www.naswa.org/meetings/vermont/>.

Please let us know who will be attending and accepting the award on behalf of the State of Florida at your earliest convenience. Also, please provide us with the appropriate State of Florida Seal to include in the Awards Ceremony booklet, by Friday, August 15, 2014.

We look forward to presenting the award to your state at the Vermont Conference. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Griffith, Project Specialist at [tgriffith@naswa.org](mailto:tgriffith@naswa.org), or 202.434.8031.

Sincerely,

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