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TechHire Center Launched in the City of Opa-locka

MIAMI – March 8, 2018 – CareerSource South Florida (CSSF) in partnership with the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation (OLCDC) will open a TechHire Center. CSSF awarded \$114,100 to the OLCDC for purchasing the IT equipment for the TechHire Center. The TechHire Center, which is planned to open in the fall of 2018, will make accelerated IT training accessible to Opa-Locka residents for the first time, as well as empower area youth to use technology for education and training purposes.

The Center will occupy approximately 3,000 square feet, accommodating approximately 35 individuals at a time. It is expected to serve 200 youth and adults over the next year with a vision to grow and serve more than 300 each year. The TechHire Center will feature –

- Classroom style computer tables
- Computers equipped with Microsoft Office Suite, anti-virus software
- Smartboards, and
- Internet access, including Wi-Fi services

“Empowering the residents of Opa-locka with essential information technology skills not only makes the residents competitive for the global market workplace but improves the economic vitality of the community,” said CareerSource South Florida Executive Director, Rick Beasley. “We are thrilled to partner with the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation to tackle the community’s digital literacy gap.”

“As the entrepreneurial and tech industry grows in South Florida, our goal is to provide Opa-locka residents with resources and knowledge that will foster their interest and success in those fields,” said Willie Logan, CEO/ Founder, Opa-locka Community Development Corporation. “The TechHire Center, coupled with many of the other services we provide allow us to truly help support entire family structures in the North Miami-Dade area.

About CareerSource South Florida

CareerSource South Florida is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. CareerSource South Florida’s services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of centers located throughout the region.

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About Opa-locka Community Development Corp.

The Opa-locka Community Development Corporation (OLCDC) was established in November 1980 as a nonprofit community development corporation in order to address the distressed unemployment conditions, particularly in the Opa-locka and North Dade County, Florida, communities. Its primary mission is to transform under-resourced communities into vibrant, desirable, engaged neighborhoods by improving access to health, education, employment, art, safety and affordable housing. For more information about OLCDC, please visit www.olcdc.org.

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