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YOUTH RECEIVE \$249,692 IN STIMULUS PAYCHECKS THROUGH WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA PROGRAM

ORLANDO, FLA ... Paychecks totaling \$249,692 (gross), funded by stimulus dollars, will be released on Wednesday to 987 young adults as part of the WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA Summer Job Connection program. The young adults worked 31,211 hours during their first week in the program and will receive paychecks on July 8th, injecting \$220,812.71 (net) into the Central Florida economy after only the first week of this summer program.

The WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA Summer Job Connection is an employment program funded by \$4.1 million in stimulus funds under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, which is providing valuable work experience for 1,200 young adults in local jobs. Participants earn \$8 an hour, and most will work up to 35 hours a week for 6 weeks.

“Young adults ages 16 – 24 are more likely to spend their earnings, rather than save, which we hope will give our local economy a boost,” said Gary Earl, president and chief executive officer of WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA. “While helping our economy now, this program is also intended to help our region long-term as the young adults receive job readiness skills and employment experience.”

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) is the region’s workforce expert, helping over 4,000 employers connect with more than 47,000 job seekers. WCF offers innovative solutions to assist Central Florida businesses succeed in today’s highly competitive workforce, while providing the tools job seekers need to find or advance in their current career. For more information, visit WCF online at www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com.

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