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Each year the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc. has held a recognition ceremony to acknowledge individual achievement participating in programs funded by the Board. This year we will continue our practice of acknowledging individuals, organizations, businesses, or events which have clearly demonstrated support of the Board's mission statement:

Our mission is to initiate and support effective strategies through collaboration with business, education, and social services to facilitate the development of programs and activities that reduce dependency, encourage personal growth, and provide economic benefits to individuals, businesses, and communities of Southwest Florida.

As you might surmise, the mission statement was purposely broad based specifically to be inclusive of any entity or activity which may render assistance to the workforce development initiatives in southwest Florida. This approach has fostered effective and very efficient strategies and collaborative working relationships which have been beneficial to not only our economic development, but also other community initiatives. Now it is time to recognize those individuals and organizations who took these words and made them reality for the betterment of our communities. Enclosed is a nomination form for your use in acknowledging an individual, event, or organization that you feel epitomizes the Board's mission.

We are requesting all nominations be submitted by close of business, August 3, 2009, to our offices located at:

Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc.
9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 104
Fort Myers, FL 33912
Attn: Award Selection Committee

OR

Fax: 239-225-2559
Attn: Award Selection Committee
E-mail: rwb24@sfwdb.org

In our continuing effort to improve processes, all nominations will be based solely on informative descriptions as to the qualifications of the nominee. No program will be guaranteed an award recipient.



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All voice telephone numbers may be reached by persons using TTY equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711.