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## **New Collaborative Launches Search for Director Director Sought to Lead Major Cross-discipline, Cross-sector Workforce Development Initiative**

The Manatee-Sarasota Workforce Funders Collaborative (“Collaborative”) has launched a candidate search to fill a new Director role. The position is poised to lead a major workforce development initiative integrating the efforts of national and local funders, employers, corporate entities, educational institutions, government and non-profit providers.

The search for Director is spearheaded by a Search Committee consisting of area leaders. The team is leveraging the reach and value of the Employ Florida Marketplace job board system to reach a deep pool of potential candidates, and has commissioned Fairfield Index, Inc. to help coordinate the search process.

Qualified candidates will be filtered through a comprehensive scorecard, which is based on the Director position criteria and the needs of the communities, employers, workers and families ultimately served through the Collaborative’s efforts.

The new Director will report directly to the Executive Director of the Bradenton Central Community Redevelopment Agency (“CCRA”). She/he will coordinate and manage all aspects of the Collaborative. The Director will play a major leadership role, guiding the Initiative to ensure that it meets its strategic goals during a critical point in the community’s economy.

The complete Director job profile and applicant instructions can be found online at the Employ Florida Marketplace website: [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com). The deadline for submission of candidate materials is February 18, 2010.

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### **About the Manatee-Sarasota Workforce Funders Collaborative**

The Collaborative, comprised of public, corporate and private/philanthropic contributors, is one of the first sites in the Southeast United States invited to participate in the National Fund for Workforce Solutions. It will focus its efforts in the following four sectors with identified opportunities for job and wage growth – healthcare, manufacturing, transportation/logistics, and technology. It will work closely with the Suncoast Workforce Board and employers to develop comprehensive, dual-focus (employee and employer) workforce development strategies.

Additional information on the Collaborative may be found on the Bradenton Knightblog at [www.knightfoundation.org/bradenton](http://www.knightfoundation.org/bradenton).

### **About the Bradenton Central Community Redevelopment Agency**

The Bradenton Central Community Redevelopment Agency (“CCRA”) serves as the operating partner for the Collaborative and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice serves as the fiscal agent for the Collaborative.