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Oct. 26 deadline for Governor's Innovators in Business Awards nominations

West Palm Beach, FL – Your company may be eligible to compete for a Governor's Innovators in Business Awards. The award recognizes businesses for making noteworthy contributions toward Florida's economic development efforts.

Three awards will be given in each of these categories:

Governor's Business Expansion Award:

For Florida companies that expanded their operations in 2011, investing capital and creating jobs for Floridians.

Governor's Newcomer Award:

For new-to-Florida companies that began business operations in 2011.

Governor's Export Excellence Award:

For Florida companies with new or significant increases in documented export sales in 2011.

Governor's Entrepreneurship Award:

For Florida start-up companies (less than five years old) that have set a standard for entrepreneurship and creativity.

Awards will be given in each of the following market categories:

- Mid Market: County population up to 150,000
- Major Market: County population 150,001 to 800,000
- Mega Market: County population 800,001 and higher

The winners will be acknowledged during Florida's Industry Appreciation Week, the dates of which soon will be announced.

All nominations will be considered. Self-nominations are acceptable as well as nominations by local economic development organizations. The entry deadline is Friday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. ET., and the nomination application is available on Enterprise Florida's Web site, www.eflorida.com/govawards

Contact the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County at 561-835-1008 for more information and assistance with the nomination process.

About the BDB: The Business Development Board of Palm Beach County is the official public/private economic development organization for Palm Beach County and Enterprise Florida. Founded in 1982 as a not-for-profit corporation, our primary purpose is to attract and retain new industry, business investment, high quality jobs and workforce development through corporate relocations, expansions and international trade. During the past five years, the BDB has assisted companies that have created more than 7,900 direct jobs with average salaries greater than \$55,400, resulting in more than \$400 million in capital investment to Palm Beach County and an economic impact that exceeds \$1.8 billion. Additional information can be found at the BDB's Web site, BDB.org.

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