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Business Development Board of Palm Beach County Announces New Executive Committee Officers and Board Members

December 17, 2012-- West Palm Beach, FL— Business Development Board of Palm Beach County (BDB) proudly announced its impressive new roster of executive committee officers.

They include:

- Rex Kirby, President and General Manager of Suffolk Construction Company's Southeast region will be Chair. Mr. Kirby has also been recognized for his personal professional achievements, having twice received South Florida Business Journal's "Heavy Hitter" honor and its "Palm Beach Ultimate CEO" award recognizing his leadership, integrity, and commitment to the community. In fact, this year he was named one of the publication's "Top 100 Power Leaders".
- Frank Compiani, Office Managing Partner for McGladrey LLP, will be Vice Chair. Mr. Compiani has more than 30 years of experience providing audit, accounting and other financial services to middle-market businesses in a variety of industries. McGladrey has been serving the Florida marketplace for more than 40 years with over 300 employees in 7 offices throughout the state.
- Ray Celedinas, President and CEO of Celedinas Insurance Group, will be Treasurer. Founded in 1959, Celedinas Insurance Group is one of the country's oldest and largest national insurance brokers. The firm was recently recognized by the Insurance Journal as one of the "Top 100 Privately Held Property & Casualty Agencies in America".
- Gina Melby, CEO of JFK Medical Center, will be Secretary of the Committee. JFK Medical Center is a 460 acute care medical/surgical facility opened in 1966, which has over 500 physicians, 2,200 healthcare professionals and 300 volunteers. The hospital specializes in cardiovascular care, neurosciences, oncology, bariatrics, orthopedics, robotics, and breast health.

The new ex-officio board members include:

- Jonathan Satter, RPA, SIOR, Principal with WGCompass Realty Companies, a regional realty services firm with offices in South and West Florida. Mr. Satter will represent the Economic Council and also serves as an independent receiver appointed by the civil court system in matters involving real estate assets.

- Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, President of Florida Atlantic University. a comprehensive public university with sites located throughout its six-county service region in Southeast Florida. As chief executive officer, Dr. Saunders oversees an institution that is currently serving 30,000 students at the bachelor's, master's, doctoral and postdoctoral levels. With more than 3,000 employees, including 1,200 dedicated faculty members, and an annual operating budget in excess of \$600 million, FAU ranks as one of the largest employers in South Florida.

"We are so please to add such distinguish and diverse individuals to our executive committee and board. It's a true testament to the success of the BDB that such powerful members of our community are willing to share their expertise and time," said Kelly Smallridge, President and CEO of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County.

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 9,093 direct jobs with average salaries greater than \$57,800, resulting in more than \$493 million in capital investment to Palm Beach County and an economic impact that exceeds \$3.47 billion. Additional information can be found at the BDB's Web site, BDB.org.

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