

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 7, 2013

TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support

SUBJECT: 2013 Statewide Human Trafficking Summit Training Opportunity



Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery which is criminalized under both federal and Florida law. It is defined as the transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, or obtaining of another person for transport; for the purposes of forced labor, domestic servitude or sexual exploitation using force, fraud and/or coercion. Florida is the third most popular destination for human traffickers in the United States. As an agricultural state, human trafficking in labor to work in our fields has been identified as an issue for many years. However, as a tourism-based economy, Florida is also ripe for trafficking in labor to work at restaurants, country clubs and hotels.

During the 2009 Florida Legislative Session, Senate Bill 168 created a Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force. Under this Task Force, a Strategic Plan on Human Trafficking was developed by the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, which included initiatives from DEO. As a partner, DEO seeks to ensure that staff understands human trafficking and create training opportunities for staff to learn about this issue.

The Florida Interagency Human Trafficking Workgroup will be hosting the annual Statewide Human Trafficking Summit on October 3, 2013 at the University of South Florida in Tampa. DEO along with other state agencies will be co-sponsoring the Summit. As seating will be limited, co-sponsors have been asked to provide an estimated number of attendees from each organization.

Please provide the number of staff your Region plans to send to the Summit to Marisela Garcia at Marisela.Garcia@deo.myflorida.com by June 11, 2013, close of business. There may be a nominal registration fee of \$20; however this has not been finalized. CEUs will be available for those Regions that are interested. If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Ms. Garcia at (850) 921-3207 or via email.

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cc: Tom Clendenning