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OXFORD MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO RECEIVE TRAINING GRANT AND ADD JOBS AT FORT PIERCE LOCATION

The City of Fort Pierce, the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Inc. (EDC) and Indian River State College (IRSC) are pleased to announce that Oxford Management Services (OMS) has received a Quick Response Training (QRT) grant commitment for \$257,000.00 from Workforce Florida, Inc. in Tallahassee for the addition and training of 303 new employees.

In October 2008, OMS, a national accounts receivables management firm, opened a 22,500 sq. ft. facility in Fort Pierce after the EDC and St. Lucie County were instrumental in assisting OMS with a Job Growth Investment Grant. Since opening in Fort Pierce six months ago, OMS has added call center, management, administrative, IT, and executive jobs by offering competitive wages, unlimited bonus potential, career growth, and extensive benefits.

Most recently, the EDC supported efforts by OMS to obtain QRT training grant dollars. Through the Small Business Development Center at IRSC, OMS worked closely with the College's experienced business analysts to write the successful grant application. IRSC will also serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

OMS plans to use the QRT training grant dollars to accelerate hiring and to enhance its current training program. Fort Pierce Mayor Bob Benton stated, "The announcement that Oxford Management Services is hiring and looking to add a significant number of jobs couldn't come at a better time and will help offset the current unemployment. The City of Fort Pierce is committed to adding new jobs to our existing workforce."

"OMS' ability to expand existing relationships and to develop new partnerships continues to foster growth in difficult economic times. OMS is committed to creating new jobs to support increased business development and this QRT grant will help us to exceed our employment forecasts," said Carlos Novelli, OMS' Chief Operations Officer.

Said Thom Jones, Chair of the EDC, "a variety of employment opportunities are necessary to build a sustainable economy in our county and region, and the announcement from OMS could not be more welcome."

Partners who endorsed the QRT grant in support of the OMS' expansion include: the City of Ft. Pierce, Indian River State College, the EDC, Workforce Florida, Inc., and Workforce Solutions.

For more information about career opportunities with OMS, please email OMS at Careers@oxfmgt.com or fax your resume to (772) 465-8421, attention: Human Resources.

The mission of the EDC is to encourage a competitive environment that nurtures clusters of industries employing state-of-the-art technologies, a skilled workforce, and that stimulates economic growth through expansion of the private sector. For more information about the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, visit www.YourEDC.com or call (772) 879-4144.
