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Regional Partners to Host Annual Platinum Business Awards Breakfast *Event Will Recognize Disability Hiring Practices In Broward, Palm Beach Counties*

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – March 14, 2016 – Next month, several regional partners will be teaming up to host the 2016 South Florida Business Leadership Network’s Connections Platinum Breakfast – an event honoring businesses in Broward and Palm Beach counties that implement disability friendly practices, including hiring individuals with disabilities and participating in job training programs.

Founded in 2005, the awards event is part of an annual workshop series that provides information to employers about hiring, retaining and accommodating people with disabilities. This year’s awards ceremony will be presented by CareerSource Broward, CareerSource Palm Beach County, Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, School Board of Broward County, School District of Palm Beach County, Children’s Services Council of Broward County and South Florida Business Leadership Network.

Guest speakers during the breakfast will include Mark Tourangeau, vice president of business management, NextEra Energy Resources, South Region; Tanya Vaughn-Patterson, senior diversity & inclusion consultant, NextEra Energy; and Chris Phillips, diversity specialist, military & disabilities, officer – talent management, PNC Bank.

What: 2016 South Florida Business Leadership Network’s Connections Platinum Awards Breakfast

When: Friday, April 8, 2016, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Where: Florida Atlantic University, Live Oak Pavilion, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, Fla., 33431

Cost: Individual cost is \$50 and individual cost with sponsorship is \$35

Sponsorship opportunities for the event are now available, and information can be found by visiting <http://bit.ly/ConnectionsPAE>. Seating is limited, so reserve your spot today by clicking [here](#). For additional details, contact Julie Kreiffler, Disability Program Business Services Manager, CareerSource Broward, at (954) 609-3474 or by email at jkreiffler@careersourcebroward.com.

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CareerSource Broward (CSBD), the administrative entity of the Broward Workforce Development Board, is a federally-funded, locally controlled organization that provides innovative employment solutions and quality workforce services to businesses and individuals in Broward County. These services are delivered through three strategically located career centers, which provide individual assistance with the Employ Florida Marketplace, job placement services, career coaching and other employment-related needs. For more information, please visit www.careersourcebroward.com, [facebook.com/CareerSourceBroward](https://www.facebook.com/CareerSourceBroward) or follow @CareerSourceBD on Twitter.