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### ***CareerSource Tampa Bay to hold Town Hall for businesses on restarting the economy***

**TAMPA, FL** – CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) plans to hold a virtual town hall meeting to explore the challenges and initiatives for restarting the Tampa economy. The meeting will also focus on some of the frequently asked questions coming into the CSTB contact center.

Where do we go from here? What challenges do we face as we restart the economy? All these questions and more will be addressed Thursday April 23, 2020 from 3 to 4 p.m. in a virtual Town Hall meeting for local businesses put on by CareerSource Tampa Bay.

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown the U.S. and the Tampa Bay area into an unprecedented lockdown which has a huge impact on the local economy impacting our business community and our vital industries such as agriculture, tourism, and hospitality industries.

CSTB CEO, John Flanagan was recently appointed to the Hillsborough Economic Recovery Task Force. He will lead the Re-Employment Team with Dr. Ken Atwater, President of Hillsborough Community College.

“CareerSource Tampa Bay will work diligently with the business community, educators and community action agencies,” said CSTB CEO John Flanagan. “We want to ensure that we, as a county and city, are ready to answer market demand for talent, post COVID19 epidemic, and provide a system of resources and training to ensure a skilled and ready labor force.”

CSTB Business Services Director, Dan Schneckenburger will co-host the Town Hall.

“Our Business services team has been very active contacting employers and providing them information and resources to cope with the Covid 19 shutdowns,” said Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Business Services for CSTB. “This meeting will bring experts in workforce development, economic development, and small business assistance for our continuing outreach effort.”

Any business that has an interest in participating can email their request to [marketing@CareersourceTB.com](mailto:marketing@CareersourceTB.com). The call is limited to the first 300 requests.

#### **About CareerSource Tampa Bay**

CareerSource Tampa Bay programs and initiatives are fully supported by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture as part of awards totaling \$19,293,411.

CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. Career Source Tampa Bay provided 240,269 services to 36,960 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during program year 2018- 2019. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers is the single largest source of job candidates in the region from entry-level to executive-level candidates.

Businesses can access Career Source's wide range of services that include recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates.

Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit [www.careersourcetampabay.com](http://www.careersourcetampabay.com).

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