

# Press Release



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## **CSTB Adds Business Informational Sessions on How to Participate in the CARES ACT (Rapid Response Recovery R3) Program**

**~Businesses can learn how receive part of \$21.5 million in federal funding~**

**TAMPA, FL** – Employers who have employees working in Hillsborough County are eligible to take part in the Rapid Response Recovery R3 program. Employers can learn how they can earn up to \$14,500 for every new employee hired with the retention bonus.

This is part of the Rapid Response Recovery (R3) program approved by the Hillsborough County Commissioners (BOCC) in an effort to reduce unemployment. The BOCC broadened the type of employers who can participate in the Rapid Response Recovery (R<sup>3</sup>) job training program in August, 2020. Now the program is open to any employer with a Hillsborough County worksite. That includes for-profit, not-for-profit businesses and public-governmental agencies.

CSTB will be holding an informational session about how employers and community partners can participate in the program. The Rapid Response Recovery (R3) program is operated by CareerSource Tampa Bay (CSTB) with monies approved by Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners.

### **INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR EMPLOYERS**

**Thursday, October 1, 10 a.m.**

**Click on the link below to register:**

**<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/561428639132572174>**

Registrants can attend by clicking the link on the scheduled time and date. More information is also available on our R3 website <https://www.careersourcetampabay.com/cares-act>

There is NO COST to Hillsborough employers or partners participating in the program.

Eligible businesses must meet the following criteria:

- Any employer with a Hillsborough County worksite (including for-profit, not-for-profit businesses and public-governmental agencies)
- Eligible positions must meet Florida minimum wage requirements
- Employee worksite location must be in Hillsborough County

Eligible Job Seekers must meet the following criteria

- Hillsborough County resident
- Economically Injured due to COVID 19
- 18-years of age or older
- U.S. Citizen or authorized to work

CSTB has set up a dedicated phone line to assist customers at (813) 360-1444. The R3 CONTACT CENTER is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also contact R3 via this email address: [r3trgproviderapp@careersourcetb.com](mailto:r3trgproviderapp@careersourcetb.com)

More information about the program and the FAQ can be found at CareerSource Tampa Bay's website located at <https://www.careersourcetampabay.com/cares-act>

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