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CAREERSUSA NAMED 2005 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR BY SOUTH FLORIDA BUSINESS JOURNAL

BOCA RATON, FL – On April 21, at a ceremony with over 700 attendees, CareersUSA, an employment staffing firm headquartered in Boca Raton, was named *2005 Business of the Year* in the Human Resources category for the South Florida Business Journal's Regions Bank 2005 Business of the Year Awards. Roughly 200 companies in 18 categories were nominated for the prestigious award.

CareersUSA's Chief Executive Officer Marilyn Ounjian personally accepted the award at a ceremony held at the Westin Diplomat Resort in Hollywood, FL, where 704 attendees gathered to take part in a "Rocky"-movie-themed video and laser show presentation unveiling the final winners. Over 86 finalists were announced weeks before the ceremony, with only one company for each category taking away the final award. CareersUSA was named the winner for the Human Resources category and the Over \$10 Million revenues subcategory.



"Thank you so much," said Ounjian on stage when accepting the award. "We are truly honored to have won this prestigious award. First I want to thank The South Florida Business Journal for this great opportunity. Next, I want to thank all of our employees, who have worked extremely hard for this. After all, it is one thing to have a vision, but it's another to have your employees come to work every day and make your vision into reality," she said.

The annual awards ceremony ranks tri-county businesses based on a variety of factors, including the number of employees, revenue range, percentage of net income growth, civic involvement and employee improvement programs. Fourteen judges from area businesses anonymously vote on the winners.

CareersUSA, headquartered in Boca Raton, FL, specializes in the placement of temporary, temp-to-hire and direct hire employees. The company, founded in 1981, has been in operation for over 24 years and currently consists of 23 locations nationwide, including branches in Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Delaware, and Washington, DC. Throughout Florida, the firm operates five staffing locations in Orlando, West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami.

CareersUSA employs roughly 14,000 people nationwide in positions for a wide range of industries, including the legal, technological, telecommunications, education, insurance, banking and finance, medical, healthcare, pharmaceutical and chemical industries. The award-winning firm has been named one of the *Fastest Growing Private Companies* by *Inc 500* magazine, one of Florida's *Largest Temporary Personnel Agencies* by the *2005 Florida Business Journal*, one of the *Top Temporary Staffing Agencies* by the *Atlanta Business Journal*, and the *Number One Staffing Agency* by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

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