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### Featured Story of the Week

#### 1/18/10 Florida's Back to Work Program, LEAPS



Does your business have work orders awaiting that could increase product production or a pending project, but not enough cash flow to hire new employees?

Then, the LEAPS program designed for Florida employers is ready and able to service your workforce needs.

The LEAPS program, which stands for Long-term Employment Advancement Program Stimulus, is being offered through WorkNet Pinellas and will pay 80% of the costs of new employees hired from February 2010 to September 2010.

All types of employers qualify, including Public, Private, and Non-Profit entities. Costs which can be covered include salary, benefits, payroll taxes, workers comp insurance, on site supervision and training, and WorkNet Pinellas program expenditures.

Potential new employees must meet the Job Seeker family income requirement of earning less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty level and have a child/dependent under the age of 18 in the household, WorkNet Pinellas staff will handle job seeker eligibility for the LEAPS program and will serve as the employer of record for a specified project's timeframe.

To learn more about LEAPS and how become a participating employer in the program, please visit WorkNet Pinellas [online](#) or contact [Mahalia Guichard](#) at 727-608-2497.

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