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**TAMPA BAY WORKFORCE ALLIANCE  
NAMES NEW BOARD DIRECTORS**

**TAMPA, Fla. – October 3, 2006** – Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance (TBWA), the region's leading organization for workforce development, recently named three new board directors; James H. Scheiner, dean of the school of business administration and professor of accounting at Stetson University; Lynn A. Richard, regional director for the Department of Children and Families SunCoast Region and Major Francis X. Penny, Commander at MacDill Air Force Base.

The three new directors bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to TBWA in education, economic and workforce development. Scheiner has more than 20 years of experience in higher education, where his experience spans from being a faculty member at Duke University to the director of the school of accounting at Florida International University. He has received numerous awards for his teaching, while being published in leading accounting research journals including *The Accounting Review* and *The Journal of Accounting Research*. Scheiner will lend his talents in offering the private education perspective for filling the talent pipeline in the community.

Richard brings 34 years of expertise in workforce development. In part with his leadership, the Suncoast Region has received national recognition for pioneering vastly improved business processes for the administration of welfare and welfare work programs. His knowledge of workforce related issues will benefit TBWA's work with businesses in the community.

Major Penny brings over 20 years of experience in leadership and first hand experience in workforce development. His military experience has put him on the front line of working directly with professional military education, job attainment and family support center functions necessary to support over 6,200 personnel.

“TBWA is fortunate to have Scheiner, Richard and Major Penny as board directors,” said Renée Benton, TBWA President and CEO. “As strong leaders in the Tampa business community, their contributions will help further the TBWA mission to build a stronger area economy.”

### **About Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance**

Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining and competitive opportunities in the workforce. Nearly 100,000 job candidates annually access its four career centers, making TBWA the single largest source of job candidates in the region. More than 3,000 businesses annually access TBWA's wide range of services, including employee recruiting; customized training; targeted career fairs; workshops and business seminars; and retention support strategies. Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance is a member of the Employ Florida statewide network of workforce services and resources. Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance is an equal opportunity employer/ program.

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