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Mayor in Washington with jobs agenda

SBA workshop to be held at City Hall September 29

As you read this, Mayor Thomas A. Masters is again in Washington, D.C.— again invited by the White House — but this time to talk about a subject of great importance to him: jobs.

Our own “Jobs Mayor” was asked to attend a day-long symposium at the White House on ‘Promoting Economic Recovery and Job Creation through Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships’ with Obama administration officials.

The invitation arose from an August trip at the invitation of the White House for its ‘Community Leaders Briefing Series,’ which brought 150 local leaders from across the country to foster direct dialogue between them and the nation’s leaders.

That trip also led to a workshop with the federal Small Business Administration to be held at City Hall at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 29. Mayor Masters met with SBA officials in August and, after discussing with them his workforce development initiatives, they offered the agency’s support.

The workshop will feature Jerry Flavin, assistant administrator of the SBA’s Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. He will bring with him representatives from the SBA’s regional office in Miami and from Palm Beach State College’s Small Business Development Center in Boca Raton. More than 200 small business owners, leaders of faith-based organizations and neighborhood groups have been invited to attend.

Mayor Masters said he intends to bring other jobs-related initiatives back from the nation’s capital again. He returns on Friday.

“We have to put people back to work. I am proud of the President’s focus on job creation and I will continue to do what I can in Riviera Beach,” he said. “Now, with Washington’s help, I can complement the job fairs will programs that have worked across the country.”

The Mayor’s next job fair is scheduled for October 13. Target workforce: ex-felons.

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