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**Pam Nabors Honored by *i4 Business* Magazine with
2021 “Spirit of Progress” Award**

President & CEO of CareerSource Central Florida Celebrated for Further Advancing Growth and Continuous Improvement in the Central Florida Community

Orlando, Fla. — Pam Nabors, president & CEO of [CareerSource Central Florida \(CSCF\)](#), was honored with *i4 Business* magazine’s “Spirit of Progress” Award at the 2021 Women’s Inspired Leadership Awards. During an online event that took place on Thursday, March 11, these awards celebrate the accomplishments of women throughout Central Florida who are making a difference in the community.

Nabors leads Florida’s second largest regional workforce board in a five-county region, which served a record number of customers during its 2019-2020 fiscal year – nearly 80,000 career seekers and 4,000 businesses throughout Central Florida. The need for CSCF services was stronger than ever when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020. Under Nabors’ leadership, the organization quickly transformed its career and business services to a fully virtual model supporting thousands of Central Floridians who found themselves out of work. The CSCF team provided residents with complimentary support through direct job placements, scholarships for training programs, paid internships, career coaching, and more. In a four-month period alone, CSCF served more than 50,000 residents.

“We were so pleased to present Pam Nabors with the 2021 Women’s Inspired Leadership Award for the Spirit of Progress,” said Diane Sears, editor and publisher of *i4 Business*. “We had so many nominations this year for Central Florida women who have done remarkable work during the pandemic. Pam’s name kept coming to the top. All of our committee members agreed she was not only deserving of the award, but also was our best choice to put on the cover of the March magazine. CareerSource Central Florida filled a void in our community in 2020, when so many jobs were lost to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Under Pam’s leadership, CareerSource has connected workers and jobs, and this is helping our region begin to heal.”

During its 2019-2020 fiscal year, CSCF placed 6,260 individuals in employment. Of those, 1,400 individuals received skills training and were placed into a job receiving an average wage of \$15 per hour, representing an economic impact of \$43.7M. This year, CSCF continues to connect residents to training programs throughout Central Florida. More than 4,500 individuals have enrolled with CSCF to start training to advance their skills – a 116% increase since 2019.

In July 2020, CSCF received \$7M in CARES Act monies from Orange County Government, aimed at providing workforce re-entry and meaningful careers to Orange County residents impacted by the pandemic. Nabors’ strategic direction launched CSCF’s Help is Here program, which delivered complimentary career services including employment support, training scholarships, career development workshops, resume assistance, and internships. To date, this program has helped more than 2,400 Orange County residents.

“I’m truly honored to be recognized among this esteemed group of leaders in Central Florida and humbled to receive this year’s ‘Spirit of Progress’ Award,” said Nabors. “Serving others is an enormous responsibility, and I couldn’t do this without our extraordinary CSCF team that rose to the challenge when our community needed our services more than ever this past year. I’m incredibly proud of the

team's steadfast commitment to connect Central Floridians to careers and develop skilled talent for businesses, and the impact we continue to make on the community every day."

Among Nabors' many contributions on the local, state, and national levels, she serves as First Vice President of the Workforce Development Council for the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Chair of the Workforce Development Council Disability and Best Practice Committee, Member of Orange County, Florida Mayor Jerry Demings' Economic Recovery Task Force in response to COVID-19, Orlando Economic Partnership Board Member, Junior Achievement of Central Florida Board Member, Project Opioid Leadership Board Member, and more.

To learn more about the i4 Business' Women's Inspired Leadership Award honorees, visit www.i4biz.com

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About CareerSource Central Florida

CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) is Florida's second largest regional workforce board that is state and federally funded with an annual operating budget of \$30.5 million. CSCF provides comprehensive services to connect career seekers and local businesses at no cost. Services include screening and hiring talent; employee training and education; paid internships and no cost skills training and education programs. In fiscal year 2019-2020, CSCF served nearly 80,000 career seekers and 4,000 businesses. It helped advance skills for more than 1,800 career seekers and placed more than 6,300 individuals in jobs across Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter Counties. For more information, visit www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.

About *i4 Business Magazine*

Founded in 2013, *i4 Business* connects the community's leaders by covering the people, projects and priorities shaping Central Florida. The print, digital and video editions of the magazine promote the spirit of progress by sharing timely, relevant stories that are uplifting, inspiring and educational.

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