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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### FLORIDA SBDC NETWORK ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF MIGUEL NIEVES AS 2003 STATE STAR



L-R: Bridget Bean, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of SBDC, SBA; Clinton Tymes, ASBDC Board of Director/State Director, Delaware SBDC; Miguel Nieves, FSBDC State Star/Certified Business Analyst, Florida Atlantic University SBDC, Miami Office; Brian Johnson, Information Tech Manager, FSBDC Network; Cheryl Mills, Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, SBA

Pensacola, FL: Florida Small Business Development Center Network State Director Jerry Cartwright announced that Miguel Nieves, Certified Business Analyst at the Florida Atlantic University Small Business Development Center's Miami Office, has been selected as the *2003 State Star of the Florida SBDC Network*. Miguel was chosen by the Florida SBDC Network for being an exemplary performer, making a significant contribution to the SBDC program, and showing a strong commitment to small business in the Miami area.

"I'm extremely pleased to recognize our 2003 State Star, Miguel Nieves, who exemplified the SBDC program's guiding principles of service to the client above all else; hard work, individual productivity and continuous improvement; excellence in reputation; being part of something special; recognition and respect for all employees; honesty and integrity; and work is fun," says Cartwright. "This dedicated professional has ensured that entrepreneurs and small business owners receive the best information and assistance possible to contribute to their success. His customer impact speaks for itself and his customers speak loudly of him. We're proud of his service to the business community and to the institution he represents."

Each year, the Association of Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) honors an outstanding SBDC employee from every state as a Star Performer. The State Star Awards were presented at a reception held during the ASBDC's 2003 Annual Conference held in San Diego, California, recently.

"I love what I do so much because there is nothing more gratifying than assisting a client to achieve a dream. It is like achieving my own dream," says Miguel Nieves. "This is why, for me, it is so important the service that we offer."

America's Small Business Development Center Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations. It is the Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. With about 1,000 centers across the nation, the SBDC network assists approximately 650,000 small businesses every year in face-to-face counseling and training, in addition to assisting hundreds of thousands more small businesses through fax-on-demand and e-mail.

*The Florida SBDC Network is the only statewide business assistance program in Florida -- featuring 31 centers strategically located throughout the state.*