



BUSINESS

Commissioner hosts micro-business fair

Representatives from DHL, the world's leading global express delivery and logistics company, Micro-Business USA and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson held a press conference to announce the South Florida-based recipients of the "DHL Advancing Micro-Entrepreneurs" program which awards small-business development grants to deserving low to moderate-income businesses. Also, Commissioner Edmonson convened the first annual Micro-business fair where micro-businesses displayed their products in the lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center.

Micro-Business USA provides low-to-moderate income entrepreneurs with the opportunity to start micro-businesses with loans beginning at \$500 and progressing to \$2,000 without credit or collateral. In May, DHL



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launched a business development partnership with the Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO) to promote the development of small businesses. Micro-Business USA is an AEO affiliate. Each business chosen in the "DHL Advancing Micro-Entrepreneurs" cash grant program will receive both financial equity awards and in-kind DHL Ship Ready pre-paid products.

"For a corporate leader in the global express and logistics industry such as DHL to reach out to small businesses speaks to their community services commitment. Also, DHL recognizes that small businesses are the heart and soul of America and are the market forces driving new job development and economic growth in communities across the nation," said