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Sarah Ridley-Gal, Green Projects Manager for Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Broward County one of 20 women environmental leaders was invited by the White House to be part of a roundtable discussion.

**Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Broward County's Green Projects Manager, Sarah Ridley-Gal was invited to be part of a discussion with President Obama's Principal Environmental Policy Advisor, Nancy Sutley, along with about 20 other women environmental leaders.**

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida – March 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 - **Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Broward County**, a Community Based workforce development, training and job placement Organization congratulates Sarah Ridley-Gal, Green Projects Manager on her selection by the White House to be included with 20 other top women environmental leaders to meet for a roundtable discussion with Nancy Sutley, Principal Environmental Policy Advisor for President Obama on behalf of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). "I was so honored and humbled to be nominated by a former colleague who organized the event [and] was familiar with my various roles in the environmental field over the past 10 years", stated Sarah.

According to Ms. Ridley-Gal, "The discussion topic was generally about the role of women leaders in the environmental fields and how to engage the next generation of women environmental leaders. After a review of President Obama's environmental policy agenda, most of the discussion centered around science based environmental/energy policies, including topics such as Everglades restoration, climate change mitigation, developing a comprehensive energy policy in Florida, environmental justice, urban development boundaries, and protecting FL's ocean ecosystems (and our fishing tourism industry) in our reefs and estuaries. Participants ranged from Mayors, Commissioners, lawyers, educators, activists, scientists, and everything in between."

### **About Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Broward County**

**Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Broward County** is a leader in workforce education and assimilation into the community at large for Broward County and was honored in its work securing the 2008 National Honor of Hope Award. OIC of Broward has been recognized as a leader in community education for developing job skills and employment readiness for the under-served in our community. Reaching out to the unemployed, under-employed, persons with transgressions and at risk youth, OIC of Broward makes a difference where it counts; in our community and with our business leaders to develop employment readiness and life skills training. OIC of Broward County believes and lives by the motto of "Helping People Help Themselves".

For more information, please visit <http://oicofbrowardcounty.org/>.

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