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## **MANDARIN HOTEL TO OFFER EMPLOYEES PRE-TAX BENEFITS FOR THEIR DAILY COMMUTE**

### **South Florida Commuter Services Assists Businesses with Commuter Solutions including Tax Benefits**

MIAMI, FL.—The Mandarin Hotel, Miami’s only Five Diamond Star hotel, has joined other commuter friendly companies by offering pre-tax commuter benefits as a new employee perk. South Florida Commuter Services introduced the Commuter Tax Benefit Program to the Mandarin Hotel, which will save both the hotel and its employees a considerable amount of money.

“We are delighted that South Florida Commuter Services introduced us to this tax savings program, which will be a great benefit to our wonderful team of colleagues,” said Marilou Consuegra, benefits manager at The Mandarin Hotel. “At the same time, we recognize that the program will enhance our employee recruitment and retention efforts, as well as reduce costs.” We are also glad to do our part to help reduce traffic on our roads.”

Federal tax law provisions allow employers to save on payroll taxes, while providing their employees with a valued benefit that helps them cut the cost of their daily commute. Employers may subsidize employees' commuter transit or vanpooling costs, up to \$100 per month tax-free. Employers also have the option of allowing employees to make pre-tax payments for transit/vanpooling/parking expenses with pre-tax income. This option lowers employees' taxable income, saving them income tax, while helping employers save on payroll-related taxes.

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”South Florida Commuter Services is committed to educating companies about the advantages of Commuter Tax Benefit Programs and other commuter transportation solutions,” said Maggie Cortez-Kirkpatrick, project manager for South Florida Commuter Services. “For many companies, this tax incentive program is a great way to provide an additional employee benefit, while serving as a valuable tool to attract and retain employees.”

South Florida Commuter Services is a regional commuter assistance program funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) providing assistance to area residents, businesses and municipalities. The program offers a variety of free services including carpool and vanpool ride matching, the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program, and Commuter Tax Benefit programs. A 24-hour call center responds to commuter questions, including automatic transfers to Tri-Rail, Broward County Transit (BCT), Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and Palm Beach Transit (PalmTran).

For more information about Commuter Tax Benefit Programs and other commuter solutions, contact South Florida Commuter Services at (800)-234-RIDE or visit [www.1800234RIDE.com](http://www.1800234RIDE.com).