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**Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay Hosting
Community Outreach Event for Homeowners and Local Contractors**

(West Palm Beach, FL) Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay will be hosting a community outreach event at the Belle Glade Public Library, 725 NW 4th Street, Belle Glade, on January 23, from 6:00–7:30 PM, to provide more information to local homeowners about low-interest rates loans that are available for assorted home improvement projects. Financing is available at below market rates and homeowners with poor and limited credit history are eligible to apply. Local contractors are also invited to attend the meeting to learn more about how these financing programs can help grow their local businesses.

The presentation will include information about the following items:

1. U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) funds available in Palm Beach County for low-interest rate loans to help homeowners make energy efficiency improvements to their homes (e.g., weatherization, high-efficiency AC);
2. The non-profit Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF), which provides low-interest rate financing options for homeowners to make assorted home improvements, including: energy efficiency, renewable energy, wind resilience, and water conservation;
3. Contractor recruitment to become affiliated with the SELF program. SELF's financing options are less stringent than traditional banks and they offer below market rate financing terms. Approved local contractors can use SELF financing options to complete more work and help grow their local businesses.
4. Job training programs available from the Building Trades.

For more information about SELF, please call (772) 468-1818.

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