



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MISSION TO INDIA

SEPTEMBER 30 THRU OCTOBER 7, 2007

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Natacha Seijas invites you to join the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium [ITC] on its forthcoming exploratory mission to India. The official mission dates are **September 30** thru **October 7, 2007**. The objectives of the mission are to:

- ◆ explore ways to increase bilateral trade between Miami-Dade County and India.
- ◆ highlight Miami-Dade County's role as a global gateway for culture and international trade hub to India's burgeoning trade community.

WorldCity Business magazine reported in its March 2007 edition that "Miami-India trade was the big winner, skyrocketing 49 percent to total \$277 million as India climbed five spots up the ranking of trading partners to become South Florida's 40th most important partner."

The United States is India's largest trading partner. The United States and India maintain one of the world's fastest growing major bilateral trade relationships and are committed to a goal of doubling bilateral trade to approximately \$60 billion by 2008. India's population is estimated at nearly 1.1 billion and is growing at an annual rate of 1.3%. It has the world's 12th largest economy, and the third largest in Asia behind Japan and China with total GDP of approximately \$797 billion. About 28% of the population lives below the poverty line, but there is a large and growing middle class of 325 million to 350 million with disposable income for consumer goods.

Priority for participation in this mission will be limited to economic development agencies, governmental institutions, chambers of commerce and interested parties in the following categories:

- ◆ **Apparel**
- ◆ **Engineering Services**
- ◆ **Education**
- ◆ **Media, Film & Entertainment**
- ◆ **Tourism**
- ◆ **Transportation**

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