GLOSSARY

311 - An abbreviated telephone number (3-1-1) set aside by the Federal Communications Commission for quick access to non-emergency police and other governmental services

Accrual Basis - A method of accounting in which transactions are recognized when they occur, regardless of when cash is actually exchanged

Ad Valorem Taxes - Taxes paid on the fair market value of land, buildings, business inventory, and equipment excluding allowable tax exemptions

Administrative Reimbursement - A payment made by proprietary departments to the General Fund to cover a department's share of the County's overhead support

Adopted Budget - A financial plan presented, reviewed, and approved by a governing body for the upcoming or current fiscal year

Advanced Purchasing and Inventory Control System (ADPICS) - An automated central procurement system for entering and monitoring the purchase of goods and services, which became fully operational in July 1999; ADPICS is integrated with the County's Financial Accounting Management Information System (FAMIS), improves controls, allows for more timely order processing, vendor management and support, and reduces paper storage requirements

Affirmative Action Plan - A set of result-oriented procedures based upon statistical data, to which an entity or firm commits itself to achieve genuine equal opportunity employment for all qualified persons

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009- A $787 billion economic stimulus package signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. A percentage of the package targets spending (contracts, grants, and loans) and the remainder includes tax cuts and entitlements such as Medicaid and Social Security Administration payments

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - A Federal act, signed into law on July 26,1990, which addresses the problem of discrimination against individuals with disabilities in critical areas such as employment, housing, public accommodations, education, transportation, communication, recreation, institutionalization, health services, voting, and access to public services and places

Annexation - The process by which an existing municipality incorporates additional territory into its jurisdictional boundary

Appropriation - A specific amount of funds authorized for expenditure by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) against which financial obligations and expenditures may be made

Aquifer - A permeable geological formation that carries and stores groundwater

Art in Public Places- Promotes collaboration and creative arts projects that improve the visual quality of public spaces

Arterial Roads - The main traffic corridors that are within the County; arterial roads are fed by collector roads which pick up the traffic from local roads that provide localized service within specific neighborhoods (also referred to as collector roads)

Ashfill - A specially constructed landfill to be used only for disposal of ash from waste-to-energy plants

Attrition - Savings attributed to the time it takes to hire positions vacated through resignation, reassignment, transfer, retirement, or any other means other than layoffs

GLOSSARY

Automated Clearing House (ACH) - A process that electronically transmits the result of a payment processing operation directly to the Federal Reserve

Automated Garbage Collection - Collection method using garbage trucks with an automated arm that grips and empties special waste disposal carts

Balanced Budget - A budget in which revenue equal expenditures; in the public sector this is achieved when total receipts equal total outlays for a fiscal year

Bascule Bridge - A bridge spanning short distances that opens to let waterway traffic pass underneath

Base Budget - Cost of continuing the current level of service

Beacon Council - An organization charged with bringing new, job-generating investments to the community, while assisting existing businesses in their efforts to expand; in addition, the Council markets Miami-Dade County worldwide as a viable, attractive business location, and provides a variety of free services to companies interested in relocation

Bed Tax - See Transient Lodging

Bio-Diesel - A clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources; it can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend and it can be used in diesel engines with little or no modifications; it is biodegradable, nontoxic, and free of sulfur

Bond - A written promise to pay a specified sum of money, called the face value or principal amount, at a specified date or dates in the future, called the maturity date(s), together with periodic interest at a specified rate; the County sells bonds as a means of borrowing revenue for costly projects and repays the debt to the lender over an extended period of time, similar to the manner in which a homeowner repays a mortgage; a bond differs from a note in two ways: a bond is issued for a longer period of time than a note and requires greater legal formality; bonds are primarily used to finance capital projects

Bond Funds or Proceeds - Money obtained from the sale of bonds, which may be used for the construction or renovation of capital facilities, acquisition of related equipment, and other allowable uses

Bondholder - The person or entity having a true and legal ownership interest in a municipal bond; in the case of book-entry only bonds, the beneficial owner will often be treated as the bondholder under the bond contract, although for certain purposes the entity holding the global certificates representing the entire issue will retain the rights of the bondholder under the bond contract

Budget - A fiscal plan of programs, services, and construction projects expected to be carried out, funded within available revenues, and designated within a specific period, usually 12 months; a balanced budget is one in which revenues equal expenditures

Budget Amendment - A method by which an adopted expenditure authorization or limit is increased and could be authorized with a publication, a hearing or a re-certification of the budget which may increase or decrease appropriations within a fund but does not increase the fund's total budget; the Board of County Commissioners must approve the change by resolution

Budgetary Basis - This refers to the basis of accounting used to estimate financing sources and uses in the budget; budgetary basis takes one of three forms: generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), cash, or modified accrual

GLOSSARY

Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (BBC GOB) - A general obligation bond program approved by Miami-Dade County voted in November of 2004 totaling $2.925 billion of which is expected to leverage an additional $1 billion of funding for capital improvements in the areas of sewers, flood control, healthcare, service outreach, housing, roads and bridges, and library and multicultural facilities

Building Envelope - The exterior surface of a building's construction which includes the walls, windows, floors, roof, and floor

Bulky Waste - Construction debris, large discarded items, appliances, furniture, and trash; bulky waste does not include tires or solid waste

Business Tax - A tax imposed for the privilege of doing business in Miami-Dade County; any individual or home-based business providing merchandise, entertainment, or service directly or indirectly to the public, must obtain a license to operate

Busway - Designated lanes for exclusive use by transit vehicles, including buses

Capital Budget - A balanced fiscal plan for a specific period for governmental non-operating projects or purchases, such as construction projects, major equipment purchases, infrastructure improvements, or debt service payments for these types of projects or purchases

Capital Costs - Capital costs are non-recurring expenditures that have a useful life of more than five (5) years and have a total cost that exceeds $50,000 in total funding; capital costs includes all manpower, implementation costs, and capital outlay required to fully implement each project

Capital Fund Program (CFP) - A United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grant program for public housing improvements and administrative expenditures; formerly known as the Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP)

Capital Improvement Local Option Gas Tax (CILOGT) - A tax levy of up to five cents on each gallon of motor fuel sold, which may be imposed by counties in accordance with Florida state law, in one-cent increments and which is shared with eligible cities in the County; CILOGT may be used only for transportation expenditures needed to meet the requirements of the capital improvements element of an adopted comprehensive plan; the tax in Miami-Dade County is three cents per gallon

Capital Outlay Reserve (COR) - A fund comprised of appropriations provided for same-year selected or emergency construction projects, major equipment purchases, and debt service payments for General Fund supported departments

Capital Working Fund (CWF) - A reimbursement that is charged to capital projects to fund programs that support countywide capital work

CARE Act - See Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act

Carryover - Appropriated funds that remain unspent at the end of a fiscal year and are allowed to be retained in the appropriating budget and expended in subsequent fiscal years for the purpose designated

Causeway Pass (C-Pass) - A pre-paid transponder used by motorists to pay toll at the Rickenbacker or Venetian Causeways

Cell - A defined portion of a landfill footprint, which is developed and filled with waste to capacity and subsequently closed according to Federal, State and local regulations

GLOSSARY

Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax - A one-half percent surtax on countywide sales, use, rentals, and other transactions (up to $5,000 on sales of tangible property) for transit and neighborhood transportation improvements; the surtax was approved in the November 5, 2002 general election (See People's Transportation Plan (PTP))

Children's Trust- An organization committed to funding programs that offer the highest possible quality services, with goals of implementing best practices and improving the lives of children and families in our community

Communications Tax - This tax also known as the unified or simplified tax became effective October 1, 2001, and is meant to create a "simplified" tax structure for communications services, replacing the utility tax on telephone and other telecommunication services, the cable television franchise fee, the telecommunications franchise fee, and communications permit fees

Community-based Organizations (CBOs) – Not-for-profit organizations that provide services to targeted populations

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - A United States Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) funding program established in 1974 to assist local governments in improving the quality of life in low- to moderate-income areas and other areas of metropolitan significance

Community Periodical Program (CPP) - A mandated program, enacted in 1993, by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to place public information in various local community periodicals throughout the County to inform impoverished, elderly, and minority communities of the activities of their local government

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) - A public entity created by a city or county to implement the community redevelopment activities outlined under the Community Redevelopment Act, which was enacted in 1969 (Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes)

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) - A program that provides annual grants on a formula basis to various types of grantees through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Community Service Center - Direct service centers managed by the Community Action and Human Services (CAHS) and located in various areas throughout Miami-Dade County; centers provide services to economically disadvantaged families interested in achieving self-sufficiency through self-help

Community Small Business Enterprise Program (CSBE) - A comprehensive program that affords opportunities to small businesses to participate in the County's construction of public improvements and fosters growth in the economy of Miami-Dade County, by allowing small businesses a chance to gain the experience, knowledge, and resources necessary to compete and survive, both in government and private construction contracting arenas; the CSBE program was derived as a result of a Federal District Court ruling that eliminated Miami-Dade County's Women, Hispanic, and Black business enterprise programs that relate to construction, resulting in the immediate cancellation of the construction component of these programs; major components of the program are, Mentor-Protégé Program, Management and Technical Assistance Program, and Bonding and Financial Assistance Program

Community Workforce Program (CWP) - A program in which all capital construction contracts equal to or greater than $1 million and work orders over a specified amount for projects located in Designated Target Areas (DTA) have a required minimum of ten percent of the of the persons performing the construction trades work be residents of DTAs

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) - A detailed report containing financial statements and other required information, by which market analysts, investors, potential investors, creditors and others may assess the attractions of a government's securities compared to other governments or other investments

GLOSSARY

Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) - A plan that expresses the County's general objectives and policies addressing where and how development and conservation of land and natural resources will occur in the next 10 to 20 years, and the integration of County services to accomplish these objectives

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) - A system utilized by the Communications Bureaus of the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR), to process and track 911 emergency and non-emergency calls for service, which are received throughout Miami-Dade County

Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal System (CAMA) - A system for appraising certain types of real property, which incorporates statistical analyses such as multiple regression analysis and adaptive estimation procedures to assist the appraiser in estimating value

Concurrency - Growth management requirement that public infrastructure improvements necessitated by public or private development are in place at the same time as development

Constitutional Gas Tax - A tax levy (originating in the Florida Constitution) of two cents on most motor fuel sold in the state, which is returned to counties pursuant to a formula for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of roadways (also known as Secondary Gas Tax)

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - An index that measures the change in the cost of typical wage-earner purchases of goods and services expressed as a percentage of the cost of the same goods and services in some base period (also referred to as cost-of-living)

Contingency - A budgetary reserve amount established for emergencies or unforeseen expenditures not otherwise known at the time the budget is adopted

Convention Development Tax (CDT) - A three percent tax levied on transient lodging accommodations countywide (except in the Village of Bal Harbour and the Town of Surfside) dedicated to the development and operation of local, major exhibition halls, auditoriums, stadiums, and convention-related facilities

County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) - Created by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the purpose of providing grants to counties to relieve traffic congestion or improve transportation facilities that are part of the State Highway System

Debarment Program - An administrative process initiated by a County Department or the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to exclude a contractor, individual officers, shareholders with significant interests, qualifying agent, and/or affiliated businesses from County contracting or subcontracting for a specified period of time, not to exceed five years

Debt Service - The amount of money necessary to pay interest on outstanding bonds and the principal of maturing bonds according to a predetermined payment schedule

Deficit - An excess of current-year expenditures over current-year resources

Depreciation – A decrease in value due to wear and tear, decay, or decline in price; a lowering in estimation

Designated Fund Balance - A fund balance amount that is required to be identified as a reserve fund balance

Designated Target Area - Any geographic area of Miami-Dade County designated as an Empowerment/Enterprise Zone (EZ), or designated by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) as a Targeted Urban Area (TUA), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Eligible Block Group or Focus Area

GLOSSARY

Direct Access Storage Devices (DASD) - The medium used to store information for the County's mainframe computer, similar to the hard drive space on a personal computer

Direct Costs - Costs that can be identified specifically with a particular sponsored project or institutional activity and which can be directly assigned to such activities, relatively easily and with a high degree of accuracy

Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) - A business, usually small, that is owned or controlled by a majority of persons who are determined by the jurisdiction to have been deprived of the opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive position in the economy because of specified social disadvantages

Dredging - The removal of soil which may include rock, clay, peat, sand, marl, sediment, or other naturally occurring soil material from the surface of submerged or unsubmerged costal or freshwater wetlands, tidal waters, or submerged bay-bottom lands; dredging includes, but is not limited to, the removal of soils by use of clamshells, suction lines, draglines, dredger, or backhoes

Early Head Start - A national program, founded in 1995, which provides comprehensive developmental services to children of low-income families, from birth to the age of three

EASY Card – A newly implemented contactless smart card technology which replaces transit tokens and paper transfers and allows riders the convenience of paperless financial transactions as well as allowing Miami-Dade Transit to improve accuracy of ridership data and reduce fare evasion

EASY Ticket – The short-term ticket version of the EASY Card for tourists and occasional transit riders

Efficiency - Efficiency measures are normally a comparison between outputs and inputs including time (e.g. garbage tons collected per crew, or cycle times such as personnel hours per crime solved, length of time to purchase specific products or services, etc.), and are often the cost of providing a unit of service (e.g. cost per household, houses built per $100,000, etc)

e-Government - A government's use of technology as an enabling strategy to improve services to its citizens and businesses; access to government information and services can be provided when and where citizens choose and can include access via the Internet, voice response systems, interactive kiosks, and other emerging technologies

Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) - A set of computer-based technologies that allow users to electronically capture, process, store, retrieve, and use their documents more efficiently than by using paper documents; EDMS also facilitates the electronic movement of correspondence and staff actions among departments and outside agencies

Electronic Permitting - A technology initiative used to allow citizens the ability to apply for building permits and building-related product permits over the Internet

Enterprise Feedback Management - A software application and business process that enables organizations to centrally manage their deployment of surveys; facilitating the creation of surveys online, preparing detailed reporting and analysis, managing survey workflow and users, establishing respondent panels, and monitoring enterprise results

Enterprise Funds - Funds used to finance and account for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of facilities and services that are intended to be entirely or predominantly self-supporting through the collection of charges from external customers (such as the Port of Miami and the Water and Sewer Department)

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) - A single integrated financial system with general ledger, accounts receivable, accounts payable, purchasing, project billing, grants management, fixed assets, budget preparation, and time reporting modules; the ERP system utilizes a single database so information will be easily shared

GLOSSARY

Environmentally Endangered Lands Trust Fund (EEL) - Funds derived from an extraordinary property tax levy of three-fourths of one mill above the County's ten-mill cap for two years approved by the voters in 1990 for the purchase and preservation of environmentally sensitive lands

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) - A federal agency that enforces the federal employment discrimination laws

Equitable Distribution Program - The process to streamline solicitations for continuing contracts by distributing architectural, engineering, and landscape architecture professional services to eligible firms on a rotational basis

Euthanasia - A procedure used by the Animal Services Department to humanely end the life of an animal in a painless manner

Expenditure - A decrease in financial resources for procurement of assets or the cost of good and/or services received

Fair Wages and Benefits Ordinance - An ordinance that stipulates that all laborers and mechanics employed or working on a contracted project will be paid the full amount of wages and fringe benefits (or cash equivalent) computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination which is attached to said contract, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - A Federal agency responsible for providing disaster relief assistance

Federal Empowerment Zone - A geographic area designated by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) (Urban Zone) or by the United States Secretary of Agriculture (Rural Zone) as meeting criteria for selection and being eligible for tax incentives and credits and for special consideration for programs of federal assistance

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - An operating administration under the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) that assists in developing and improving mass transportation systems for cities and communities countywide

Final Maturity Date - A date on which the principal amount of a note, draft, bond, or other debt instrument becomes due and payable

Financial Accounting and Management Information System (FAMIS) - A financial accounting general ledger system used by Miami-Dade County

Fiscal Year (FY) - A yearly accounting period, without regard to its relationship to a calendar year; the fiscal year for Miami-Dade County begins on October 1 and ends on September 30

Fixed Rate - An interest rate on a security that does not change for the remaining life of the security

Florida Yards (Florida Yards and Neighborhoods) - A program of the Cooperative Extension Service that provides environmentally friendly landscaping education

Food and Beverage Tax for Homeless and Domestic Violence - A one percent tax levied Countywide on food and beverages sold by establishments with gross annual revenues exceeding $400,000 except in the City of Miami Beach, the Village of Bal Harbour and the Town of Surfside, excluding those in hotels and motels; eighty-five percent of the tax proceeds is dedicated for homeless programs and facility construction and fifteen percent is dedicated for domestic violence programs and facility construction

Fringe (or Employee) Benefits - Contributions made by an employer to meet commitments or obligations for employees beyond base pay, including the employers' share of costs for Social Security, pension, and medical and life insurance plans

GLOSSARY

Full-Time Equivalent Position (FTE) - A position converted to the decimal equivalent based on the annual number of hours in the work schedule in relation to 2,080 hours per year

Function - A grouping of related capital projects, which have common activity, in capital accounting

Fund - A set of self-balancing accounts that are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives, as required by special regulations, restrictions, or limitations

Fund Balance - The excess of assets and revenue over liabilities and expenditures of a fund

Funding Model - A method of allocating and distributing costs of an enterprise level function across the organization

Gainsharing - A system of rewarding groups of employees who work together to improve performance through use of labor, capital, materials and energy; in return for meeting established target performance levels, the employees receive shares of the resultant savings from performance gains, usually in the form of a cash bonus

Garbage - Any accumulation of animal, fruit/vegetable matter, or any other matter, of any nature whatsoever, which is subject to decay, putrefaction, and the generation of noxious or offensive gases/odors

Gasoline Tax - A tax on the use, sale, or delivery of all motor vehicle fuels used, sold, or delivered in Miami-Dade County for any purpose whatsoever

General Fund - The government accounting fund supported by ad valorem (property) taxes, licenses and permits, service charges, and other general revenues to provide Countywide and Unincorporated area operating services; also referred to as the Operating Fund

General Obligation Bond (GOB) - A voter-approved debt pledging the unlimited taxing power of a governmental jurisdiction

Geographic Information System (GIS) - A computerized system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating, analyzing, and displaying geographical referenced information; GIS allows the user to associate information with features on a map to create relationships

Golden Passport - A transit pass granted to all Miami-Dade senior citizens 65 years and older and Social Security beneficiaries to ride free on Metrobus and Metrorail

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) - The professional association of state/provincial and local finance officers in the United States and Canada since 1906

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) - Organized in 1984 by the Financial Accounting Foundation to establish standards of financial accounting and reporting for state and local governmental entities

Governmental Funds - A category of funds, which include general, special revenue, capital project, and debt service; these funds account for short-term activities and are often compared to the budget

Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC) - A program developed for at-risk youth and unemployed young adults to provide pre-employment training and develop work ethics through meaningful work projects

GLOSSARY

GreenPrint – A five-year action a plan to make County government operations and the entire community more sustainable. GreenPrint will include a set of overarching sustainability goals along with specific initiatives that the County to achieve those goals

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - A measure of the amount of the economic production of a particular territory in financial capital terms during a specific time period; GDP is one of the measures of national income and output

Growth Management - State requirements related to development and its impact on public infrastructure

Head Start - A national program, founded in 1965, which provides comprehensive developmental services to low-income, pre-school children ages three to five years

Home Chemical Collection Center - Facility that accepts oil-based paints, pesticides, solvents, pool chemicals, and other household items

Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) - A United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grant program, established in 1990, for state and local governments to provide affordable housing through acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction

Homeless Assistance Center (HAC) - A 350 to 500-bed facility providing immediate short-term housing and basic support services to prepare homeless persons residing in public spaces for transitional housing

Homeownership Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE VI) - A United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) competition grant program to establish homeownership of single-family properties through public, private, and non-profit partnerships

Homestead Exemption (HEX) - A $50,000 property tax exemption applied to the assessed value of a home and granted to every United States citizen or legal resident that has legal or equitable title to real property in the State of Florida and who resides thereon and in good faith makes it their permanent home as of January 1 of each year and applies for it

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) - Federal Subsidy for rental assistance provided by U.S. HUD for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Housing Quality Standard (HQS) - A set of acceptable conditions for interior living space, building exterior, heating and plumbing systems, and general health and safety; before any rental assistance may be provided, the grantee, or another qualified entity acting on the grantee's behalf (but not the entity providing the housing), must physically inspect each Shelter Plus Care unit to ensure that it meets HQS

Impact Fee - A fee charged on new growth related development to finance infrastructure capital improvements such as roads, parks, schools, fire and police facilities, or capital purchases; to serve the residents or users of such developments

Incorporation - The process by which a new city is formed as a legal entity

Indigent Care - Medical care provided to indigent persons not eligible for the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) or Medicare Programs and to relieve the financial burden of county and local governments for providing medical care to these persons

Indirect Cost - The allocation of overhead costs to grants through an approved cost allocation plan in compliance with federal guidelines

Infrastructure - Public support facilities such as roads, buildings, and water and sewer lines

GLOSSARY

Input - Input measures normally track resources used by a department (e.g. funding, staff, equipment, etc.) or demand for department services

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) - A software application that accepts a combination of voice telephone input and touch-tone keypad selection and provides appropriate responses in the form of voice, fax, callback, e-mail, and perhaps other media; IVR is usually part of a larger application that includes database access

Interagency Transfer - A transfer of funds from one department to another

Interest Rate - A rate of interest charged for the use of money usually expressed at an annual rate

Internal Service Funds - Funds that finance and account for the operations of County agencies which provide services to other County agencies, organizations, or other governmental units on a cost-reimbursed basis such as the self insurance trust fund

Invitation to Bid (ITB) - A solicitation document used for competitive sealed bidding; the customary method used by state and local governments for the purchase of equipment, materials, supplies, and construction

Landing Fee - A charge paid by an airline to an airport company for the right to land at a particular airport used to pay for the maintenance or expansion of the airport's buildings, runways, aprons and taxiways

Law Enforcement Block Grant - A United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, local law enforcement program that makes formula allocations for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety

Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) - Funds derived from law enforcement-related seizures of money and property with allowable uses determined by state and federal laws and regulations

Leachate - Stormwater that has percolated through solid waste

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – A third party green building certification program, and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design and operation of high performance green buildings and neighborhoods. LEED measures and enhances the design and sustainability of buildings based on a "triple bottom line" approach; Economic Prosperity, Social Responsibility, and Environmental Stewardship

Light Emitting Diodes (LED) - A semiconductor device that emits visible light when an electric current passes through it; LED lights have a lower power requirement, higher intensity, and longer life than incandescent and fluorescent illuminating devices

Line Item - The smallest expenditure detail in departmental budgets; the line item also is referred to as an "object," with numerical "object codes" used to identify expenditures in the accounting system; "objects" are further divided into "sub-objects"

Literacy for Every Adult in Dade (LEAD) - Miami-Dade County Library Adult Literacy Program, designed to reach out to English speaking adults who are functionally illiterate

Litter - Misplaced solid waste that is tossed or dumped or that is blown by wind and traffic or carried by water

Local Option Gas Tax (Operating) (LOGT) - A tax levy of up to six cents on each gallon of motor and special fuels sold, which has been imposed by Miami-Dade County in accordance with state law and shared with the municipalities in the County; the LOGT may be utilized only for transportation expenditures including public transportation, roadway and traffic operations, and maintenance; the tax for Miami-Dade County is six cents per gallon

GLOSSARY

Long-Term Care Facility - A state licensed facility, which provides skilled nursing services, and intermediate and custodial care

Lot Clearing - The removal of solid waste by means of tractor mowing, chipping, trimming, weed eating, loading, hauling, and light/heavy disposal

Medicolegal Investigators - Individuals trained and certified in the standards and practice of death scene investigation

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - A legal document describing an agreement between parties

Metrobus - A transit system, which consists of interconnected routes linked by buses; over 1,000 buses in the system serving 106 routes; several bus routes operate 24 hours a day, providing overnight service from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Metromover - A free elevated and automated people-mover system that serves downtown Miami from the Omni station to the Brickell station

Metrorail - An elevated 22.6-mile heavy rail system that runs from Kendall to Northwest Miami-Dade; Metrorail runs from 5 a.m. until midnight, seven days a week

Miami-Dade Expressway Authority - A state agency, formed January 20, 1995, consisting of 13 members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the Governor of the State of Florida, with defined powers including the right to acquire, construct, maintain, operate, own, and lease an expressway system including transportation facilities; the agency has the power to establish, change, and collect tolls, rates, fees, and other charges as well as to finance or refinance acquisitions or construction from surplus revenues as detailed in Chapter 348 of the Florida Statutes

Millage Rate - The rate used in calculating taxes based upon the value of property, expressed in mills; one mill equals $1.00 of tax for each $1,000 of property value; the millage rate is the total number of mills of tax assessed

Miscellaneous Construction Contracts - A type of contract established to procure competitive, cost effective, quality construction services for miscellaneous and emergency construction projects through the creation of a pre-qualified pool of contractors as approved by the Board of County Commissioners

Mobile Computing Unit (MCU) - A laptop computer that will be utilized in marked police vehicles by the Miami-Dade Police Department to assist uniform police officers in the performance of their duty

Modified Accrual Basis Accounting - A mixture of the cash and accrual basis; the modified accrual basis should be used for governmental funds; to be recognized as a revenue or expenditure, the actual receipt or disbursal of cash must occur soon enough after a transaction or event has occurred to have an impact on current expendable resources; revenues must be both measurable and available to pay for the current period's liabilities; revenues are considered available when collectible either during the current period or after the end of the current period but in time to pay year-end liabilities; expenditures are recognized when a transaction or event is expected to draw upon current expendable resources rather than future resources

Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program- A grant program created to provide financial and technical assistance to qualified for-profit small businesses that are approved for funding

Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan - A balanced fiscal plan for governmental capital projects that spans six fiscal years

Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) - A formal body, appointed by the Commissioner within whose district the possible incorporation boundaries fall; charged with studying the possibility of a successful incorporation within the pre-defined boundaries

GLOSSARY

Neighborhood Service Center - A multi-purpose service center managed by the Community Action and Human Services department (CAHS); services include short-term emergency financial assistance, emergency housing, boarding homes placement, and employment-related services; there are fourteen centers from Florida City to the Broward County Line

Net Operating Revenue - Revenue from any regular source; revenue from sales is adjusted for discounts and returns when calculating operating revenue

Net Revenues (through bond transactions) - An amount of money available after subtracting from gross revenues such costs and expenses as may be provided for in the bond contract; costs and expenses most often deducted are operations and maintenance expenses

Ninth-Cent Gas Tax - A locally imposed gas tax that is only used by Miami-Dade County, consisting of a one cent per gallon tax on motor and special fuel for expenses related to establishing, operating, and maintaining a transportation system

Notice to Proceed (NTP) - A formal notification by which a municipality tells the construction contractor to start work

Operating Budget - A balanced fiscal plan for providing governmental programs and services for a single year

Outcome - Outcome measures focus on program results, effectiveness and service quality, assessing the impact of agency actions on customers, whether individual clients or whole communities. (e.g. incidents of fire-related deaths although another measure such as response time could also be considered an outcome measure, the crime rate, percentage of residents rating service as good or excellent, percentage of streets that are clean and well-maintained, number of homeless)

Output - Output or workload measures, indicate the amount of work performed on the part of the department (e.g. Applications Processed, Contracts Reviewed, Tons of Garbage Collected, and Pot Holes filled)

Parity Basis - Equivalence of a commodity price expressed in one currency to its price expressed in another; equality of purchasing power established by law between different kinds of money at a given ratio

Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) - A charge of up to $4.50 per enplaned passenger charged locally with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization for aviation-related capital improvement projects

Patriot Passport - Veterans residing in Miami-Dade County earning $22,000 or less annually ride free on Metrobus and Metrorail with the Patriot Passport

People's Transportation Plan (PTP) - A plan of improvements to the Miami-Dade County transportation system which includes building rapid transit lines, expanding bus service, adding buses, improving traffic signalization, improving major and neighborhood roads and highways, and funding to municipalities for road and transportation projects; the PTP is funded with proceeds of the one-half percent sales charter county transit system surtax which is overseen by the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) (See Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax)

Performance Measurement - A means, usually quantitative, of assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of departmental work programs; these measures can be found within the various department pages in Volume I

Plat - A map showing planned or actual features of an area (streets, buildings, lots, etc.)

Platting - The action of creating a map showing planned or actual features of an area (streets, buildings, lots, etc.)

Professional Sports Franchise Facilities Tax - A one percent tax on transient lodging accommodations levied countywide, except in the City of Miami Beach, the Town of Surfside, and the Village of Bal Harbour, dedicated to the development of sports facilities utilized by professional sports franchises

Program Area - A broad function or area of responsibility of government, relating to basic community needs; program areas usually entail a number of organized sets of activities directed towards a general common purpose and may encompass the activities of a number of departments

Projection - An estimation of anticipated revenues, expenditures, or other quantitative data for specific time periods, usually fiscal years

Property Taxes - See Ad Valorem Taxes

Proposed Budget - A schedule of revenues and expenditures submitted for reviewed and considered for the upcoming fiscal year, also referred to as Resource Allocation Plan

Proprietary Department - A department who pays for all or most of their cost of operations from user fees and generally receives little or no property tax support; commonly called "self-supporting" or "enterprise" departments

Public Hospital Sales Surtax - A one-half percent surtax on countywide sales, use, rentals, admissions, and other transactions (up to $5,000 on sales of tangible personal property) for the operation, maintenance, and administration of Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH); the surtax was approved by a special election held on September 3, 1991 and imposed by Ordinance 91-64 effective January 1, 1992; Chapter 212.055 Florida Statutes, which authorizes the surtax, requires a maintenance of effort contribution representing a fixed percentage (11.873 percent) of Countywide General Fund revenue; (also referred to as the JMH surtax or the health care sales surtax)

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) – A Government service or private business venture which is funded and operated through a partnership of government and one or more private sector companies

Qualified Target Industry Program (QTI) - A State-created program that encourages additional high value jobs through tax refunds; businesses, which expand existing operations or relocate to the State, are entitled to a tax refund of up to $3,000 per job or $6,000 per job if the business is located in an enterprise zone; the County's contribution is 20 percent of the refund

Quality Neighborhoods Improvement Program (QNIP) - A program called for in the 1998 Budget Message of the Mayor and approved by the Board of County Commissioners; QNIP addresses infrastructure needs in older, urban neighborhoods, and high growth areas; QNIP is a $143 million capital program, which primarily includes the construction of new sidewalks and repairs to existing sidewalks, including safe route to schools, local and major drainage improvements, road resurfacing, and park facility improvements

Recidivism - Habitual or chronic relapse of criminal or antisocial offenses

Recreation Management System - This is an enterprise software solution that automates operations in the Park and Recreation Department, designed to promote unparalleled customer service for programs, classes, facility rentals, league/tournament plays, et al

Recyclable - Products or materials that can be collected, separated, and processed to be used as raw materials in the manufacturing of new products

Refunding Bond - A bond issued to refund outstanding bonds, which are bonds that have been issued but have not yet matured or been otherwise redeemed

Requests for Information (RFI) - An RFI is used to assist in conducting market research, to determine interested providers, and to develop a scope of work; any department seeking to gain industry knowledge concerning a particular product, industry segment or providers of specific goods and services can issue an RFI; RFI's may be issued as a survey, questionnaire, or an invitation to a market workshop

Requests for Proposal (RFP) - An RFP is used to secure goods and services when a qualitative as well as a quantitative procurement methodology is necessary; during the RFP process, in addition to a review of proposals for responsive and responsible criteria, a selection process employing the use of an evaluation committee is used; the process is comprised of six phases: preparation, pre-solicitation, solicitation, selection/evaluation, negotiations, and award; the process begins at the time a request is approved

Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) - An RFQ is used to pre-qualify providers when a qualitative, as well as, a quantitative procurement methodology is necessary; most commonly used to establish a pool of providers to offer specific services; during the RFQ process, in addition to a review of proposals for responsive and responsible criteria, a selection process employing the use of an evaluation committee is used; the process is comprised of at least five phases; preparation, pre-solicitation, solicitation, selection/evaluation and may include negotiations if price is a consideration; the RFQ process begins at the time a request is approved

Resource Allocation Plan - See Budget

Resource Recovery - A process in which waste is recovered through recycling, waste-to-energy, and composting

Retherm Unit - A rethermalization system that offers dual-temperature trays that separate hot and cold sides with a fixed, insulated divider wall; the system can be used for cook-serve or cook-chill meal delivery systems

Revenue - Funds received from external sources such as taxes, fees, charges for services, special assessments, grants, and other funds collected and received by the County in order to support services provided to the public

Revenue Maximization - Processes, policies, and procedures designed to identify, analyze, develop, implement, and support initiatives that expand and enhance revenue sources, reduce operational and development costs, and improve compliance with federal and state requirements

Revenue Mile - A mile in which a transit vehicle travels while in revenue service

Riprap - A loose assemblage of broken stone or rock erected in water or on soft ground to serve as a foundation or barrier against erosion

Road Impact Fees (RIF) - Fees collected from new developments or builders of homes and business to offset the demands of new development makes on County infrastructure, in this case specifically County roads

Roll-back Millage Rate – Is the millage rate that, when applied to the tax roll for the new year, excluding the value of new construction and any dedicated increment value, would allow the taxing authority to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the new budget as it estimates to receive in the current year

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009- Federal legislation created to address the health care and support service needs of people living with HIV disease or ADIS, and their families, in the United States. This legislation was originally enacted in 1990 as the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Emergency (CARE) Act, as reauthorized in 1996, amended in 2000, and reauthorized in 2006 and later in 2009

Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Program (SNP) - A general obligation bond (GOB) program approved by the voters of Miami-Dade County on November 5, 1996 totaling $200 million to finance capital improvements to, and the acquisition of, neighborhood and regional parks, beaches, natural areas, and recreational heritage facilities

Science, Math, and Reading Tutoring Program (SMART) – A free library program created to provide homework assistance in a group setting at various library facilities countywide

Secondary Gas Tax - See Constitutional Gas Tax

Secret Shopper Program - A program designed to evaluate the County service delivery and provide a mechanism for identifying areas of improvement to effectively meet the public's needs and expectations; County employee volunteers "shop" services through three methods: telephone calls to County offices, on-site visits to County facilities posing as citizens requesting services, and exit interviews of citizens obtaining County service

Security - A specific revenue source or asset of an issuer that are pledged for payment of debt service on a series of bonds, as well as the covenants or other legal provisions protecting the bondholders; credit enhancement is considered additional security for bonds

Service Level - Services or products, which compromise actual or expected output of a given project or program; focus is on results, not measures of workload

Sister Cities Program - A program created to develop and strengthen partnerships between Miami-Dade County and the international communities through increased global cooperation and understanding at the municipal level and to further the goals of the Sister Cities International Program, created the Miami-Dade County Sister Cities Program in 1981

Sonovoid Bridge - A fixed bridge with a partially hollow concrete deck

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority - Established in June 2003 and tasked with the responsibilities to plan, maintain, and operate a transit system and represents a re-designation of the Tri-County Rail Authority

Special Assessment Bonds - A bond issued to finance improvements in special taxing districts with debt service paid by assessments to district residents

Special Obligation Bond - A bond issued to finance improvements with debt service paid by designated revenues; the full faith and credit of a governmental jurisdiction are not pledged to repay the debt

Special Taxing District - A geographic area, designated by petition or vote of the residents of that area, in which a particular service is provided exclusively to residents of the area; a special property tax or a special assessment fees pays for these services

Special Transportation Service (STS) - A service that provides transportation for persons with disabilities that do not have access to Metrobus, Metrorail, or Metromover

State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) - A State of Florida housing incentive program providing local funding to implement and/or supplement the following programs: housing development, down payment assistance, housing acquisition and rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, and homebuyers counseling and technical assistance

State Revolving Loan Program - A low interest loan program administered by the State to fund wastewater system improvement projects

Stormwater - Surface water generated by a storm

Stormwater Utility Fee - A fee assessed on real property established and imposed to finance design, installation, and maintenance of stormwater management systems

Subordinate Special Obligation Bond - A junior bond, secured by a limited revenue source or promise to pay, that is, repayable only after the other debt (senior bond) with a higher claim has been satisfied

Subrogation - A legal doctrine of substituting one creditor for another

Supportive Housing Program - A program, which provides services and housing to the homeless; provided for in the state McKinney–Vento Act, formerly the Steward B. McKinney Grant Act, which provides numerous services to homeless individuals

Surety Bond - An instrument that provides security against a default in payment; surety bonds are sometimes used in lieu of a cash deposit in a debt service reserve fund

Surplus - An excess of assets over the sum of all liabilities

Sustainable Initiatives - Programs for a more ecologically, economically, and socially sensitive approach to local government and the global environment as a whole

Targeted Jobs Incentive Fund (TJIF) - An initiative of the Beacon Council and Miami-Dade County that encourages additional job creation and investment through tax refunds; businesses, which expand existing operations or relocate to Miami-Dade County, are entitled to a tax refund of $3,000 per job, or $4,500 per job if the business is located in a designated priority area; an alternative capital investment based TJIF award is awarded if the investment, excluding land value, exceeds $3 million and a minimum number of jobs are created

Targeted Urban Areas (TUA) - Areas which are traditionally the most under-served and underdeveloped neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County; TUA represent portions of Opa–Locka, Florida City, Homestead, Coconut Grove, South Miami, Richmond Heights, Perrine, Princeton, Goulds, Leisure City, Naranja, Little Haiti, Overtown, Model Cities, Brownsville, Liberty City, Carol City, North Miami, West Little River, 27th Avenue Corridor, and 183rd Street Corridor

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) - A method used to publicly finance needed public improvements and enhanced infrastructure in a defined areas; the purpose is to promote the viability of existing businesses and attract new commercial enterprises

Teen Court Program - A State of Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) program created in 1996 and administered by the Miami-Dade Economic Advisory Trust (MDEAT) since 1999; the program provides for teenage student volunteers to decide sentences of juveniles who have admitted breaking the law and offers an opportunity for the juvenile offender to avoid having a delinquency record if all sanctions are honored

Tipping Fee - A fee charged to customers for the right of disposing waste by the operators of waste management facilities

Toll Revenue Credits - A revenue from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), primarily used for the operation and maintenance of state highways, which effective FY 1995-96, may be used as an in-kind local match for federal grant dollars; these credits, while able to leverage federal funds, have no real purchasing power

Transient Lodging (Bed Tax), Food and Beverage Taxes - A tax either payable by the transient or the aggregate amount of taxes due from an operator during the period for which the operator is required to report collections; the tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to Miami-Dade County, which is extinguished only by payment by the operator to the County; the

transient shall pay the tax to the operator of the motel/hotel at the time the rent is paid; charges levied on transient lodging accommodations and restraints grossing more than $400,000 a year and have a liquor license; these include CDT, TDT, TDS, and Food and Beverages Tax

Transit Corridor - A broad geographic band that follows a general directional flow of travel connecting major origins and destinations of trips and which may contain a number of streets, highways, and transit routes

Trash - Any accumulation of paper, packing material, rags or wooden or paper boxes or containers, sweepings and all other accumulations of a nature other than garbage, which are usual to housekeeping and to the operation of commercial establishments

Tripartite Board Structure - A board composed of three different types of representatives; 1/3 from elected officials, 1/3 from low-income communities, and 1/3 from private community-based organizations (CBO)

True-up - The methodology used to calculate an adjustment, either increase or decrease, made to a wholesale customer invoice from the previous fiscal year and carried forward in the upcoming fiscal year due to a difference between the actual audited cost and budgeted cost for the previous period

Trust Funds - Accounts designated such by law or County which record receipts for spending on specified purposes; expenditures from trust funds do not require annual appropriations

Undesignated Fund Balance - Funds which are remaining from the prior fiscal year, which are available for appropriation and expenditure in the current fiscal year

Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) - The area of Miami-Dade County which is not incorporated or within the boundaries of any municipality; the County has a full range of municipal powers and responsibilities with respect to the unincorporated area of the County, including the power to tax for such traditional municipal services as local police patrol and neighborhood parks; services are provided and taxes applied exclusively in the unincorporated area of the County; residents of cities receive similar services directly from their respective city governments

Urban Development Boundary (UDB) - A service line drawn by the County that separates urban service delivery areas from the rural areas; inside the UDB is the urban side and outside the UDB is the rural side; the area outside the UDB in South Miami-Dade County is designated agriculture on the land use map; by County code, once the UDB is moved, no new agriculture can be established on the new properties that are now inside the UDB

User Access Program - A revenue source for supporting the procurement related activities of goods and services by deducting two percent from each vendor's invoice for goods and services utilized by County departments; the program also applies to other non-County agencies that have an agreement in place to access County established contracts; jurisdictions forward 1.5 percent of the proceeds collected from the 2 percent deduction and keep 0.5 percent

Utility Service Fee - A service fee imposed on water and sewer customers, pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, to cover the cost of environmental services and regulations related to water and sewer services and groundwater quality

Vendor Past Performance - The historical performance data of vendors' performance on County contracts that may include quality and timelines of goods and services provided, integrity matters (on time payment of vendor's employees, functionality of systems (hardware/software, meeting small and minority business requirements, payment of responsible and/or living wages etc.)

Waste disposal - Disposal of solid waste through landfill, incineration, composting, or resource recovery

GLOSSARY

Waste to energy - Production of energy, in the form of electricity, by burning solid waste, gases or chemicals

Waste transfer - Transfer of solid waste after collection or drop-off to a disposal or resource recovery facility or landfill

Wastewater - Used water and/or storm runoff that must be cleaned before being released back into the environment

Water reuse - Involves subjecting domestic wastewater, giving it a high degree of treatment, and using the resulting high-quality reclaimed water for a new, beneficial purpose

Weatherize - An action of preparing a structure to withstand the natural elements

Wetlands - Area inundated or saturated by surface water at a rate sufficient enough to support vegetation adapted for life in saturate soil conditions; wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas