

Memorandum



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To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Significant Modification to *Building Better Communities* General Obligation Bond Program - Project No. 179 – “Miami-Dade Plaza Security Operations Enhancement”

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve a significant modification to the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond program (the “BBC GOB Program”) Project No. 179 – “Miami-Dade Plaza Security Operations Enhancement” (“Project No. 179”) after a public hearing pursuant to Resolution No. R-915-04 (“Authorizing Resolution”). The proposed significant modification will change the original location at 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami, FL, to the location of the future 911-311 Answerpoint, Technology and Traffic Center, also known as “Lightspeed Building”, at **15500 NW 25th Street, Doral, FL**. Since the original project location, as approved by voters, differs substantially from the new project’s location, Board approval is required.

Scope

The impact of this agenda item is limited to County Commission District 12.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact on the BBC GOB Program allocation due to this modification. The modified Project No. 179 will be funded from the BBC GOB Program in the same amount (\$600,000) originally allocated for Project No. 179.

Track Record/Monitor

Entity recommending the significant modification: General Services Administration (GSA), Jerry Hall, Director, Facilities & Utilities Management Division.

Entity responsible for Monitoring: Office of Capital Improvements (OCI), Johnny Martinez, Jr., P.E., Director.

Background

This significant modification is requested to provide security infrastructure at the Security Operations Center to be located at the Integrated Command Facility, a part of the future 911-311 Answerpoint, Technology and Traffic Center, at 11500 NW 25th Street, Miami, FL.

Appendix A to the Authorizing Resolution, R-915-04 (Attachment 1) lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC GOB Program by number, name and size. All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects or to Appendix A require a majority vote of the Board after a public hearing. One of the projects included in the BBC GOB Program is Project No. 179 - “Miami-Dade Plaza Security Operations Enhancement” with an allocation

of \$600,000. The original description for this project, which will remain unchanged as included in Resolution No. R-915-04, states:

“Replace security infrastructure in the ‘Security Operations Center.’ Includes recorders, alarm monitoring and reporting equipment, cameras, fiber connections and software necessary to monitor alarms and dispatch security forces. Improvements will also provide remote capability to allow monitoring from remote locations particularly during disaster response.”

The original project scope proposed to enhance the security infrastructure of the Security Operations Center currently located at the basement of the Cultural Plaza in Downtown Miami. This is not an ideal location for this kind of operation, as it is at street level and therefore prone to flooding during a storm surge. In addition, the security and building management system components will be merging at the new proposed Integrated Command Center facility to provide redundancy and the ability to provide better services. Please note that this funding will be used as part of the overall security plan for the Integrated Command Center.

The project is needed to:

- Provide security infrastructure at the Security Operations Center as indicated in Appendix A of Authorizing Resolution, R-915-04;
- Provide monitoring capabilities through the necessary equipment, including cameras, fiber connections and software, to monitor alarms and dispatch security forces.
- Provide remote capability to allow monitoring from remote locations particularly during disaster response activities, after a hurricane or other major catastrophe.

The BBC GOB Program’s Citizens’ Advisory Committee reviewed this item at their June, ___ 2009 meeting and forwarded the item with a [_____] recommendation.

Assistant County Manager