

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Joe Martinez, Board of County Commissioners
cc: Joe Rasco, Phillip Drujak, Bill Couch
From: Patton Boggs LLP
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Subject: April 2011 Monthly Report

Below please find an update of our activities on behalf of Miami Dade County for the month of April:

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Hearing/Emergency Management

On April 12th, the Director of the Miami Dade Department of Emergency Management, Curt Sommerhoff, testified before a joint hearing of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety on "Review of the Nuclear Emergency in Japan and Implications for the US." The Patton Boggs team provided background on the hearing's intent.

In addition, Patton Boggs scheduled and attended meetings with key Senate Environment and Public Works staff, Miami Dade House and Senate delegation staff and Senator Nelson in order to brief them on the hearing, Miami Dade testimony, and to provide background on the Department of Emergency Management.

Patton Boggs has also provided information on the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program which will continue to be funded at FY 2010 levels in the FY 2011 long-term Continuing Resolution. This means that the reimbursement for EMPG will be from October 1 forward, which is a victory for those jurisdictions receiving EMPG funding. The number of jurisdictions receiving Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds remains at 64 in the long term Continuing Resolution, but the funding has been cut overall by about 18%.

As reported to the County earlier, HR 1, the House version of the CR, had limited the UASI jurisdictions receiving funding to the top 25. On April 14th, a stand alone bill, HR 1555, was introduced by New York Representative Nita Lowey. The bill would limit UASI funding to not more than 25 jurisdictions (as had HR 1) and proposes changing the risk assessment formula by directing the Administrator to "when weighing considerations of threat, vulnerability, and

consequences from acts of terrorism, assign a percentage value that is not less than 33." It is unclear at this time whether the bill can move forward as a stand alone bill, but we will monitor it closely.

Miami Dade Public Housing Agency

In the Patton Boggs March 2011 Monthly Report, we reported on the April 5th hearing that the House Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee was to hold on the President's FY 2012 proposed budget for HUD. The Assistant Secretary for Public Housing was to testify. Patton Boggs worked with the PHA to provide materials to Congressman Diaz Balart's, who serves on the THUD Subcommittee, to question the Assistant Secretary concerning the basis for the FY 2009 rescission of funds for the Miami Dade PHA. At the last minute the hearing was cancelled and has not yet been rescheduled. We are monitoring developments concerning the hearing.

On April 25th, Miami Dade County Chairman Joe Martinez sent a letter to HUD Secretary Donovan expressing concern about the April 13th report by County Manager Alina Hudak on the issue of the disproportionately large FY 2009 rescission of funds from the Miami Dade PHA. The letter also asks Secretary Donovan to take steps necessary to correct the issue.

Patton Boggs circulated the Chairman's letter to delegation staff. Follow up conversations have occurred with delegation staff concerning next steps.

Miami Dade Aerospace Show

Two conference calls (April 19th and 28th) were conducted with Diana Gonzalez, a contractor with the Miami Dade Beacon Council to brief the Patton Boggs team on the status of the Miami International Aerospace Show. The Miami Aerospace Show is slated for November 2012 and requires the cooperation of the Air Force in planning and executing the event. In particular, Air Force permission would be needed to use aprons and runways.

The April 28th conference call focused in greater detail on meetings planned with the Department of Defense and the congressional delegation. It resulted in Patton Boggs identifying the Air Force instruction that sets forth the regulations governing civil aircraft landing permits and civil fly ins. A meeting of Beacon Council representatives, Patton Boggs and the Department of Defense was set for May 4th with Congressional delegation briefings afterwards.