

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Joe A. Martinez, Board of County Commissioners
cc: Joe Rasco, Phillip Drujak, Bill Couch, Tiffany Machado
From: Patton Boggs LLP
Date: July 11, 2011
Subject: June 2011 Monthly Report

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

Urban Area Security Initiative

Patton Boggs led the effort which resulted in the July 1st letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee signed by 47 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions, including most of the Tier 1 jurisdictions, urging full funding for the UASI program in the FY 2012 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill. Miami Dade County Chairman Martinez signed the letter which also included the Mayors of Orlando, Miami, Miramar and Orange County. UASI funds are used for planning, operational, equipment, training and exercise needs of high threat urban areas and assist the County in building capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from natural disasters as well as threats and acts of terrorism.

This followed upon the heels of the June 2, 2011 House floor vote on an amendment (H.Amdt. 370) to the FY 2012 House Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill, eliminating the language that limits these important UASI grants to only the top 10 highest risk urban areas. The Southern Florida delegation voted to support this amendment which passed 273-150. In FY 10, the Miami area ranked number 16 and received over \$11 million; in FY 11 (in which there was lower overall funding for the program), the Department of Homeland Security merged Miami with Fort Lauderdale and the combined UASI designation received \$9.6 million.

Miami Dade Transit

We continued to work with Miami Dade County officials and high level FTA staff in anticipation of the June 15th meeting we had arranged for Chairman Martinez and County Manager Hudak with FTA Administrator Rogoff. We developed background materials, briefing documents and recommendations and met with Miami Dade officials in preparation for the meeting. We

participated in the meeting with Administrator Rogoff and senior FTA officials and followed up with FTA senior staff. That meeting resulted in the release of \$62.5M in FTA funds to the County and a letter from the Administrator to Chairman Martinez detailing the procedure for the County to draw down the remaining suspended federal transit funds. Between the meeting on the 15th and the Administrator's letter releasing the funds on June 29th, we continued speaking with FTA officials regarding the release of the funds and the process going forward. Throughout, we coordinated with the congressional delegation.

Additionally, we have provided materials on the Department of Transportation's TIGER III grant announcement and kept County staff apprised of developments in the reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act.

Miami Dade Public Housing Authority/Housing

Patton Boggs has worked closely with the Miami Dade congressional delegation on the issue of the disproportionate rescission of PHA funds in FY 2009.

We assisted in drafting a letter from Chairman Martinez to HUD Secretary Donovan in response to the May 20th letter to the Chairman from Peter Kovar, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. We are working with Representative Diaz Balart's office to schedule a meeting between high level HUD staff, Miami Dade County and the delegation to seek answers to the questions raised in the Chairman's letter to Secretary Donovan.

We have kept the County apprised of developments with the Community Development Block Grant, HOME programs as well as the Sustainable Communities planning grant status. The FY 2012 Transportation/HUD Appropriations bill was scheduled to be marked up in Subcommittee on July 14th, but that mark up has been postponed.

Miami International Aerospace Show

Patton Boggs continues to provide feedback to and work with the Beacon Council in their efforts with vendors and the USAF to create and host the Miami International Aerospace Show.