MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(45)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 18, 2005

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to contracting the services of outside consultants

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-18-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EVALUATE IN-HOUSE CAPABILITIES AND EXPERTISE PRIOR TO CONTRACTING THE SERVICES OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County employs a labor force which is extraordinarily qualified and talented in its fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the County's labor force has first-hand experience with the County's diverse resources and needs; and

WHEREAS, the County spends large amounts of money in retaining outside consulting firms; and

WHEREAS, sometimes the use of those consulting firms is necessary to satisfy the requirements of law or the need for independent evaluation, opinion or judgment or because the required expertise cannot be obtained from County's existing labor force; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County to reduce the use of consultants and the expenditure of County funds through diligent inquiry on a case-by-case basis as to whether the services of the consultant are absolutely necessary or whether the County's needs can be satisfied from the expertise of its own labor force,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY that the County Manager, prior to the retention of a professional consultant, other than one required by law or for independent opinion, or one retained as a cost-saving measure, conduct diligent inquiry as to whether the services to be performed by such consultant can be performed by County employees, and report the results of such inquiry together with any recommendation to this Board for award of a contract to such consultant.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney
As to form and legal sufficiency HB

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Hugo Benitez