

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

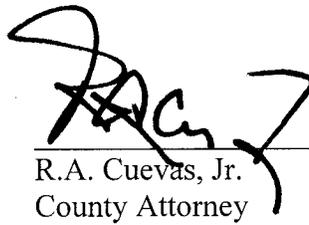
**DATE:** September 4, 2007

**FROM:** R.A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing County  
Manager to conduct a  
feasibility study regarding  
county employment of  
engineers in lieu of outside  
consultants

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of  
Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

9-4-07

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO  
COMPLETE A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING  
THE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OF ENGINEERS IN  
LIEU OF THE RETENTION OF OUTSIDE  
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has recently passed a property tax cut bill that will significantly reduce revenue for Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County currently hires outside engineering consultants because County Departments do not have sufficient employees on staff to meet the County's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Attorney's Office may provide a model for creating a dedicated staff of professionals that can become quickly specialized in practice areas as needs develop; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has experienced significant savings from maintaining the County Attorney's Office rather than hiring specialized outside counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may experience similar savings by hiring professional engineers to perform the work currently provided by outside engineering consultants,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.** The County Manager is directed to conduct a feasibility study on the ability of the County to employ engineers to perform the work currently performed by engineers retained by contract. Such feasibility study shall include an analysis of the number and cost of engineering consultant contracts over the past three years; the availability of engineers willing to work for the County; the scope of services that must be performed by outside consultants as a matter of law, expediency, or the need for an independent assessment; an analysis of the similar programs used by other large municipalities around the Country; the potential for creating an office of professional engineers modeled on the County Attorney's Office; a roster of all engineers currently employed by the County; and the number of engineering positions needed to replace outside engineering consultants and the potential cost of hiring such engineers.

**Section 2.** The County Manager is also directed to report to the Board, within sixty (60) days, the findings of the feasibility study and to make recommendations regarding the advisability of hiring such engineers.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman  
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September , 2007. 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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Oren Rosenthal