

Memorandum



Date: November 3, 2009

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

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Subject: Supplemental Information on the Resolution regarding the County's Chief Economist and Beacon Council

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 11A5

The following report provides supplemental information on the Resolution regarding the County's Chief Economist working with the Beacon Council and sharing information and ideas on how best to attract the highest revenue generating and highest job-generating industries and businesses to Miami-Dade County.

As you may know, the County's Chief Economist has been working with various business and community groups to share economic data and analysis. As such, economic data, analyses and reports are produced that are directly or indirectly related to the goal stimulating economic development in general, and the growth of high quality jobs and businesses.

The Chief Economist independently collaborates in the analysis and review of all County economic incentive applications that are submitted through the Beacon Council under the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) and Targeted Job Incentive Funds (TJIF) programs. The Chief Economist already communicates regularly with Beacon Council staff and is available to share information, analysis and perspectives on the economy and economic development strategies and incentives. Moreover, the level of collaboration with the Beacon Council has steadily increased since the County hired the Chief Economist in 2008.

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Cynthia W. Curry
Senior Advisor to the County Manager