

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

Date: February 1, 2011
To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Supplement to
Agenda Item No.
11A11

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Supplement to Resolution Accepting Invitation to Participate in the Climate Resilient Communities Program; Committing to Use the Program's Five Milestones for Both Local and Regional Climate Adaptation Planning; Encouraging Municipalities of Miami-Dade County to Support and Participate in the Five Milestones to Develop and Implement the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan

This supplement provides responses to questions asked during the January 11, 2011 meeting of the Internal Management and Fiscal Responsibility Committee regarding item 2J, Resolution Accepting Invitation to Participate in the Climate Resilient Communities Program;

The ICLEI Climate Resilient Communities Program is a voluntary, non-binding program. There are no fees associated with participating in the Program and there are no penalties or costs for not completing the Five Milestones.

Miami-Dade County was initially invited to participate in Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) as a pilot program because it has been a long-standing and active ICLEI member at the forefront of climate change issues since the early 1990's. As an inaugural pilot community for the CRC Program, ICLEI is providing technical assistance and the on-line climate change adaptation planning tool "ADAPT" (Adaptation Database and Planning Tool) free of charge to Miami-Dade County. These resources will be of great assistance in the County's adaptation planning, and in meeting the aggressive Cool Counties Greenhouse Gas emission reduction goals of 80% emissions reduction by 2050, which the Board committed to in 2008.

There will be no fiscal impact as a result of joining and participating in the ICLEI Climate Resilient Communities Program. Miami-Dade County has already completed Milestones One through Three as a result of the development of "GreenPrint – Our Design for a Sustainable Future," the County's comprehensive Sustainability Plan.

Implementation of the Climate Action Plan (Milestone 4) will begin in 2011 and progress will be monitored and evaluated (Milestone 5) on an annual basis.



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