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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(I)(1)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 5, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing execution of agreements for advancing forensic science in law enforcement through public and private partnerships
Resolution No. R-901-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Miami-Dade Police Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**DATE:** November 5, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
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**FROM:** Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing Agreements for Public and Private Partnerships to Advance Forensic Science in Law Enforcement

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute agreements between Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Police Department, and public and private agencies for the purpose of advancing forensic science in law enforcement. These public and private partnerships will allow participation in studies using equipment, technology, new developments, and other pilot projects which will benefit the forensic science community and ultimately the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

**Scope**

The scope is countywide, as these partnerships will benefit all of metropolitan Miami-Dade County.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

**Track Record/Monitor**

The entities involved are the Miami-Dade Police Department's Forensic Services Bureau and Police Legal Bureau. Stephanie Stoiloff, Senior Bureau Commander, Forensic Services Bureau, and Janet Lewis, Senior Bureau Commander, Police Legal Bureau, will track and monitor the agreements.

**Background**

Advances in the field of forensic science as it applies to law enforcement depend upon partnerships between law enforcement and various public and private agencies. As new equipment, technology systems, and other new developments and pilot projects are created, public and private agencies require real world testing to determine if these products are viable for law enforcement agencies, in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and effectiveness. New products, especially for DNA analysis, are developed through public and private partnerships.

Historically, the Miami-Dade Police Department's Crime Laboratory has participated in these kinds of partnerships. For example, in the mid-to-late 1990's, the Department's Crime Laboratory partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Miami Children's Hospital, a private company and 19 other law enforcement laboratories nationwide to develop and validate the process for DNA analysis. The result of that partnership is the process for DNA analysis used today. This resolution will serve to authorize agreements for the purpose of participation in public and private partnerships as new forensic science developments are created. This approach to public and private partnerships which serve to advance forensic science is consistent with evolving business, law enforcement, and forensic science practices for effective policing which will enhance public safety in our community.

Genaro "Genaro" Iglesias
Deputy Mayor

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**(Revised)**

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**Please note any items checked.**

_____ **"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**

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

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____ ) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-5-13

RESOLUTION NO. R-901-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR ADVANCING FORENSIC SCIENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND PARTICIPATION IN STUDIES USING EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, NEW DEVELOPMENTS, AND OTHER PILOT PROJECTS BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS, RENEWALS, EXTENSIONS, CONTINUATIONS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

**WHEREAS,** this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS,** in the conduct of day to day operations, the Miami-Dade Police Department's Forensic Services Bureau depends upon equipment, technology, new developments and other pilot projects for accurate, efficient and effective policing; and

**WHEREAS,** new forensic science developments are created through participation in public/private partnerships such as the historic study to develop the DNA analysis process used today which came about through a public/private partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Miami Children's Hospital, the Miami-Dade Police Department, a private company, and 19 law enforcement laboratories nationwide; and

**WHEREAS,** the Miami-Dade Police Department Forensic Services Bureau is often requested to participate in these public/private partnerships for real world testing to determine if

these developments are viable for law enforcement in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and effectiveness,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board approves the execution of agreements for the purpose of advancing forensic science in law enforcement between Miami-Dade County and its public and private partners, in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute agreements, for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, and to execute any amendments, renewals, extension, continuations of same, memoranda of understanding, and operational documents, and to exercise the cancellation provisions contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| | Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman | | **aye** |
| | Lynda Bell, Vice Chair | | **absent** |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | **absent** | Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. | **aye** |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | **aye** | Audrey M. Edmonson | **absent** |
| Sally A. Heyman | **aye** | Barbara J. Jordan | **aye** |
| Jean Monestime | **aye** | Dennis C. Moss | **absent** |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | **aye** | Xavier L. Suarez | **aye** |
| Juan C. Zapata | **absent** | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of November, 2013. 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Ben Simon