

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 21, 2014

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

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

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Agenda Item No. 3(B)(2)

**Subject:** Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County to  
Increase the Use of and Access to Solar Energy  
Resolution No. R-927-14

## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution relating to the interlocal agreement with Broward County, Florida for the Go SOLAR Florida services to be performed in fulfillment of the US Department of Energy Rooftop Solar Challenge II grant award as specified in the attached agreement.

## Scope

The interlocal agreement, as contained in the proposed resolution, involves unincorporated Miami-Dade County. However, once developed, the system will be available for use by any of the County's municipalities that choose to participate.

## Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

As part of the Solar Challenge II team, Miami-Dade County will receive approximately \$232,500.00 to contribute to the development and implementation of an online permitting process for small scale residential rooftop solar installations. The payment schedule is contained in the attached agreement. In addition, Miami-Dade County will commit to contributing \$58,125.00 of "in-kind" services. Miami-Dade County shall satisfy its cost share obligation with in-kind services of personnel, fringe benefits and supplies compensated at its normal pay rate. The in-kind services will be provided through the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources building permit revenues.

## Track Record/Monitor

Juliana H. Salas, P.E., Assistant Director, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, will be responsible for the execution of the terms and commitments of the interlocal agreement as set forth in the resolution.

## Background

In 2012, the US Department of Energy awarded Broward County the Rooftop Solar Challenge (commonly referred to as Go SOLAR), to accelerate significant improvements in market conditions for solar photovoltaic projects. Broward was one of the 22 awardees nationwide and the only one in the Southeastern United States. The goal of this grant-funded program was to engage local and state governments, work with solar installers, contractors, and non-governmental organizations. The overarching goal is to make solar energy simpler, faster, and more affordable.

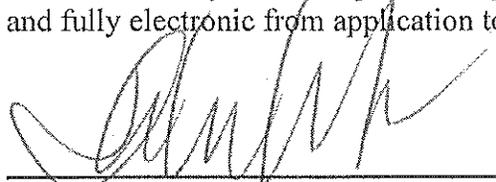
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In September 2013, the US Department of Energy issued Broward County a grant of \$2,276,575 as a part of the Rooftop Solar Challenge II to find ways to make it easier, faster and cheaper to install photovoltaic rooftop systems. Broward County is administering the grant in partnership and is seeking with collaboration with five Florida Counties (Alachua, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, St. Lucie) along with the City of Venice, the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC), and Florida Atlantic University (FAU).

FSEC's mission is to research & develop energy technologies that enhance Florida's and the nation's economy and environment and to educate the public, students and practitioners on the results of the research. FSEC will establish standards for and act as the repository of structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical solar design plans and schematics to be used by all Go SOLAR Florida partners; develop policies and procedures on how engineers can submit plan designs for review and approval.

The goal of the grant is to increase grid-tied solar systems in Florida through improved awareness, electronic permitting processes, and financial options for installation. The Go SOLAR Florida team will collaborate to make solar rooftop systems easier, faster and cheaper for residents and businesses through streamline permitting, engineering and regulation.

Subject to the terms of the interlocal agreement, Miami-Dade County will coordinate with Broward County to develop and integrate a solar permitting system that will be web-based and fully electronic from application to permit issuance.



Deputy Mayor



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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

**DATE:** October 21, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 3(B)(2)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(2)  
10-21-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-927-14

RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ONLINE PERMITTING SOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE SOLAR PERMITTING PROCESS AND TO INCREASE THE USE OF AND ACCESS TO SOLAR ENERGY FOR RESIDENTS BY REDUCING MARKET BARRIERS AND LOWERING NON-HARDWARE RELATED INSTALLATION COSTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS 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**, this is an Interlocal Agreement, made and entered into by and between: Broward County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County and Miami-Dade County have agreed to work together under a United States Department of Energy Rooftop Solar Challenge Agreement Number DE-FOA-0000788 ("Go SOLAR-Florida"); and

**WHEREAS**, Go SOLAR-Florida is part of a Department of Energy initiative, which strives to make solar energy cost-competitive with other forms of energy by the end of the decade; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Energy has awarded the Go SOLAR – Florida team a \$1.6 million SunShot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge II competitive award to make it easier for Floridians to obtain grid-tied solar installations; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of reducing the installation costs of solar energy systems is to contribute toward the widespread, large-scale adoption of this renewable energy technology and restore the U.S. leadership in the global clean energy race; and

**WHEREAS**, Department of Energy's Go SOLAR-Florida serves as an incentive for national awardees to make it easier for Americans to implement solar energy systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Go SOLAR-Florida, seeks to develop an online permitting process regionally, across seven (7) counties within Florida and to promote the use of solar power generally, and work to eliminate nonstandard and hindering net metering, interconnection, and zoning policies, procedures and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, separate committees, made up of key stakeholders from across the state, will work to achieve statewide consistency in regulatory standards and overcome financial, political, and bureaucratic hurdles that hinder the development of the solar market in Florida and shall develop and market a consortium of early adopter, solar friendly counties within Florida focused on simplifying the solar permitting process and increasing solar installations, working toward a critical mass of solar activity that stimulates the remainder of the state toward more aggressive and comprehensive support of solar development; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County will share in the Department of Energy award and has pledged \$58,125.00 in-kind staff and services for the program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board approves the terms of and authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County in substantially the form attached and exercise any and all rights contained

therein, in order to develop and implement an online permitting solution to improve the solar permitting process and to increase the use of and access to solar energy for residents by reducing market barriers and lowering non-hardware related installation costs.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Lynda Bell**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014. 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.

Eduardo W. Gonzalez

## AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO GO SOLAR-FLORIDA

This is an Agreement, made and entered into by and between: BROWARD COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY,"

AND

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "MIAMI-DADE"

WHEREAS, this Agreement is entered into pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, also known as the "Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969"; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is the lead organization under the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") Rooftop Solar Challenge Agreement Number DE-FOA-0000788 ("RSCII") and the project is entitled Go SOLAR-Florida; and

WHEREAS, RSCII and Go SOLAR-Florida are part of a DOE initiative, which strives to make solar energy cost-competitive with other forms of energy by 2020; and

WHEREAS, MIAMI-DADE is one of the sub-recipients of RSCII; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and MIAMI-DADE have agreed to work together on Go SOLAR-Florida; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY was one (1) of twenty-two (22) regional teams that previously received funding from DOE under the Rooftop Solar Challenge (RSCI) ("Go SOLAR"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Go SOLAR, COUNTY previously implemented improvements within Broward County to create an online permitting system for rooftop solar photovoltaic systems, and assisted municipalities in zoning, education, and a community-wide outreach campaign (collectively, the "Broward Online System"); and

WHEREAS, through Go SOLAR and the Broward Online System, a comprehensive online permitting system has been developed with partner municipalities for use by applicants and municipal officials for permitting, inspections, and code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Go SOLAR-Florida seeks to expand the type of online permitting process utilized in the Broward Online System within seven (7) counties in Florida, promote the use of solar power generally, and work to eliminate nonstandard and hindering net metering, interconnection, and zoning policies, procedures, and practices; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY, pursuant to Go SOLAR-Florida, will build upon the lessons, tools, and experience developed in Go SOLAR to expand COUNTY's approach on a regional basis, beginning with an additional fifteen (15) jurisdictions, nine (9) additional local municipalities and six (6) county and city jurisdictions in Florida, (Alachua, Miami-Dade,

Monroe, Orange, City of Venice (Sarasota County), and St. Lucie) (collectively, the "Participating Jurisdictions"); and

WHEREAS, Go SOLAR-Florida seeks to develop policies and procedures to standardize online permitting and remove planning and zoning barriers (to include historical building and other concerns) within each Participating Jurisdiction, by working with Florida Atlantic University, School of Urban and Regional Planning, and with the Florida Solar Energy Center, a research institute of the University of Central Florida, to provide a single, uniform source of structural and electrical design plans for all Go SOLAR-Florida partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual terms, conditions, promises, covenants, and payments hereinafter set forth, COUNTY and MIAMI-DADE agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply unless the context in which the word or phrase is used requires a different definition:

1.1 **Agreement** - This Agreement includes Articles 1 through 10 and the exhibits and documents that are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

1.2 **Board** - The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida.

1.3 **Contract Administrator** - The Contract Administrator shall be the Project Manager for RSCII, the Go SOLAR - Florida project. The primary responsibilities of the Contract Administrator are to coordinate and communicate with MIAMI-DADE and to manage and supervise execution and completion of the Scope of Services and the terms and conditions of this Agreement as set forth herein. In the administration of this Agreement, as contrasted with matters of policy, all Parties may rely on the instructions or determinations made by the Contract Administrator; provided, however, that such instructions and determinations do not change the Scope of Services.

## ARTICLE 2 - PREAMBLE

2.1 The terms, conditions, certifications, requirements, and statements contained within the RSCII are specifically incorporated into this Agreement as obligations of the parties herein. A copy of the RSCII is kept on file in the office of the Director, Pollution Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division and electronically at the Go SOLAR- Florida team SharePoint site (<https://go.broward.org/sites/pollutionprevention/gosolar>).

2.2 The RSCII agreement granted funding to the COUNTY for the use in the implementation of Go SOLAR-Florida. COUNTY shall utilize a portion of said funding to compensate MIAMI-DADE for its performance of services under this Agreement. The RSCII funding is allocated in both the form of a monetary grant ("Federal Dollars") and a cost share requirement ("Cost Share Requirement").

### **ARTICLE 3 - SCOPE OF SERVICES**

3.1 MIAMI-DADE and COUNTY shall perform all work identified in Exhibit "A."

3.2 MIAMI-DADE acknowledges that the Contract Administrator has no authority to make changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services to be provided under this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 4 - COMPENSATION**

4.1 The total project cost for this Agreement shall be Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-five and No/100 Dollars (\$290,625.00).

4.2 COUNTY shall pay MIAMI-DADE, in the manner specified in Exhibit "A", up to a maximum amount of Two Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$232,500.00) for work actually performed and completed pursuant to this Agreement, which amount shall be accepted by MIAMI-DADE as full compensation for all such work. This amount has been allocated to be paid to MIAMI-DADE from Federal Dollars. MIAMI-DADE acknowledges that this amount is the maximum payable and constitutes a limitation upon COUNTY's obligation to compensate MIAMI-DADE for its services related to this Agreement. This maximum amount, however, does not constitute a limitation, of any sort, upon MIAMI-DADE's obligation to perform all items of work required by or which can be reasonably inferred from the Scope of Services.

4.3 MIAMI-DADE has agreed to provide in-kind services, in fulfillment of its cost share requirement, of no less than Fifty-eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five and No/100 Dollars (\$58,125.00). MIAMI-DADE shall satisfy its cost share obligation with in-kind services of personnel, fringe benefits and supplies, compensated at its normal pay rate. MIAMI-DADE shall include a report of in-kind contributions performed in satisfaction of the required cost share, simultaneously with proof of each deliverable, in each invoice submitted to COUNTY. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Contract Administrator, MIAMI-DADE will receive payment of Federal Dollars only proportionately to its provision of cost share in-kind services, at a ratio of no more than four (4) to one (1). As an example, if an invoice is submitted for a cumulative amount of Federal Dollars in the amount of Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00), then that invoice shall not be paid until such time as MIAMI-DADE has submitted a cost share report indicating that in-kind contributions, cumulatively, total at least Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00).

### **ARTICLE 5 - TERM OF AGREEMENT**

5.1 This Agreement shall be effective the date of the last signature of the parties to the Agreement and shall terminate on March 31, 2016.

5.2 This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect through the termination date unless written notice of termination by the COUNTY or MIAMI-DADE is provided pursuant to Article 9, NOTICES.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY**

MIAMI-DADE and COUNTY are political subdivisions of the State of Florida. Each agrees to be fully responsible for acts and omissions of its agents or employees to the extent permitted by law. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any party to which sovereign immunity may be applicable. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a state agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of this Agreement or any other contract.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - INSURANCE**

COUNTY and MIAMI-DADE are each self-insured in accordance with provisions set forth within Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - TERMINATION**

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party of such termination pursuant to Section 9, NOTICES, herein.

In the event this Agreement is terminated by COUNTY, MIAMI-DADE shall be paid for all work executed and actual expenses incurred prior to termination, including commitments which had become firm prior to the termination, in an amount not to exceed the amount payable to MIAMI-DADE pursuant to Exhibit "A" and consistent with Article 4. All actual expenses incurred shall have back-up documentation sufficient to verify that such expenses were actually incurred or the work was performed by MIAMI-DADE prior to the notice of termination and shall be accompanied by proof of fulfillment of proportional adequate Cost Share Requirement services.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - NOTICES**

Any and all notices given or required under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be delivered in person or by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class and certified, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

TO THE COUNTY:

Director, Pollution Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division  
1 North University Drive, Suite 203

Plantation, Florida 33324

With copy to:

County Administrator  
115 South Andrews Avenue, Suite 409  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

TO MIAMI-DADE:

Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor  
111 NW 1st Street, 29th Floor  
Miami, Florida 33128

With copy to:

Juliana H. Salas, P.E., Building Official  
11805 SW 26 St, Room 214  
Miami, FL 33175-2474

## ARTICLE 10 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10.1 ASSIGNMENT: MIAMI-DADE shall perform the selected services provided for in this Agreement exclusively and solely for COUNTY which is a party to this Agreement. Neither party shall have the right to assign this Agreement.

10.2 AMENDMENTS: No modifications, amendments, or alterations in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

10.3 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: MIAMI-DADE shall comply with all federal, state, local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations related to this Agreement including those specifically incorporated within RSCII.

10.4 WAIVER: The waiver by either party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing similar or dissimilar failure.

10.5 SEVERABILITY: The invalidity of any provision of this Agreement shall in no way affect the validity of any other provision.

10.6 ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matter contained herein; and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings

concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained or incorporated into this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written. It is further agreed that no change, amendment, alteration, or modification in the terms and conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith by all parties to this Agreement.

10.7 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: MIAMI-DADE is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by MIAMI-DADE pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the supervision of MIAMI-DADE. In providing such services, neither MIAMI-DADE nor its agents shall act as officers, employees, or agents of COUNTY. This Agreement shall not constitute or make the parties a partnership or joint venture.

10.8 CHOICE OF LAW; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL: Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this transaction and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida, the venue situs, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. To encourage prompt and equitable resolution of any litigation that may arise hereunder, each party hereby waives any rights it may have to a trial by jury of any such litigation.

10.9 DRAFTING: This Agreement has been negotiated and drafted by all parties hereto and shall not be more strictly construed against any party because of such party's preparation of this Agreement.

10.10 RECORDING: This Agreement shall be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County and Miami-Dade County, in accordance with the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.

10.11 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: The truth and accuracy of each "Whereas" clause set forth above is acknowledged by the parties.

10.12 MULTIPLE ORIGINALS: Multiple copies of this Agreement may be fully executed by all parties, each of which shall be deemed to be an original.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Interlocal Agreement: BROWARD COUNTY, through its County Administrator, authorized to execute same by Board action on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, and MIAMI-DADE, signing by and through its \_\_\_\_\_, duly authorized to execute same.

COUNTY

BROWARD COUNTY, through its  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WITNESSES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bertha Henry  
County Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Approved as to form by  
Joni Armstrong Coffey  
Broward County Attorney  
Governmental Center, Suite 423  
115 South Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
Telephone: (954) 357-7600  
Telecopier: (954) 357-7641

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Insurance requirements  
Approved by Broward County  
Risk Management Division

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Rubin (Date)  
Assistant County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Date)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maite Azcoitia (Date)  
Deputy County Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title above

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AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO GO SOLAR-FLORIDA

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Attest:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, through its  
Board of County Commissioners

By \_\_\_\_\_

Carlos A. Gimenez  
Miami-Dade County Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney

Exhibit "A"

**Scope of Services**

**Project: Broward County's Rooftop Solar Challenge II – Go SOLAR-Florida**

**Topic Area:** Regional standardization (Topic Area B)

|   |                               |              |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>MIAMI-DADE Estimated Budget:</b>                               | <b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:</b>   | \$290,625.00 |
|   | <b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING:</b> | \$232,500.00 |
|   | <b>MIAMI-DADE COST SHARE:</b> | \$58,125.00  |
| <b>BUDGET PERIOD 1 (10-1-13 – 3-31-15) NOT TO EXCEED PAYMENT:</b> |                               | \$204,125.00 |
| <b>BUDGET PERIOD 2 (4-1-15 – 3-31-16) NOT TO EXCEED PAYMENT:</b>  |                               | \$86,500.00  |

In Go SOLAR-Florida, COUNTY will build upon the lessons, tools, and experience developed in its inaugural effort to expand the Go SOLAR project on a regional basis. The roll out will begin by working cooperatively with nine (9) municipalities within COUNTY that did not participate in RSCI. With the addition of Cooper City, Hollywood, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Lighthouse Point, Margate, Pembroke Pines, Plantation, and Wilton Manors, the population served by the Go SOLAR permitting system will exceed 1.5 million. Reaching beyond the boundaries of Broward County, five (5) large and medium-sized counties and one city from across the State have also agreed to participate. Confirmed partners from across the State, representing an additional population of 4 million, include Miami-Dade County, Monroe County, Orange County, St. Lucie County, and Alachua County, and the City of Venice.

COUNTY has applied and been approved by DOE under Topic Area B — streamlining and standardizing processes at the regional level — using a collaborative approach. The State of Florida, with more than one hundred (100) independent jurisdictions, sees permitting as a local issue, and there will be considerable challenge to move all jurisdictions to a centralized permitting responsibility at the present time. For this reason, RSCII (Go SOLAR-Florida) will be based upon existing relationships with communities that are committed to sustainability and excited about replicating the concepts developed by Go SOLAR. In recent years, COUNTY has been recognized nationally for its work with many of these regional stakeholders to influence local, state, and federal energy and environmental policies through the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact and Large Urban County Caucus. This proposal presents a unique opportunity to develop a robust, collaborative partnership across the State.

The Go SOLAR-Florida team will develop policies and procedures to standardize online permitting and remove planning and zoning barriers within each PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION, work with FSEC to provide a single, uniform source of structural and electrical design plans for Go SOLAR-Florida (This source being named the Florida Solar Permitting System (FSPS).); and promote solar energy and installations through extensive marketing and outreach.

**Project:** MIAMI-DADE will work with COUNTY on tasks outlined in the RSCII Statement of Project Objectives including Task 3.0: Refine and replicate Go SOLAR – Broward permitting solutions within partnering counties; Task 4.0: Revise Go SOLAR-Broward Planning and Zoning Best Management Practices to reflect new partner input; Task 5.0: Enhance financing options for the installation of rooftop PV systems; Task 6.0: Outreach campaign; Task 7.0: Standardize solar permitting within each county; and Task 8.0: Marketing and outreach campaign. Specifically, MIAMI-DADE will assist with these Tasks as follows:

1. Send representatives to an initial coordination meeting with Broward County.
2. Develop a solar permitting system:
  - a. In coordination with Broward County;
  - b. That furthers the Go Solar – Florida goal of a single solar permitting experience across Florida;
  - c. That will incorporate a universal ePermit application to be used by all Go Solar - Florida applicants;
  - d. That will interface with the FSEC FSPS;
  - e. That will rely upon preapproved, pre-certified or deemed to comply electrical and structural plans that when used will require no (preferable) or at the very least, expedited review (e.g., one (1) day);
  - f. That will require the minimal number of inspections possible; and
  - g. That will be web based and fully electronic from application to permit issuance.
3. Adopt model zoning ordinance and zoning code amendments as needed to facilitate electronic permitting.
4. Contribute to development of financial options for the action plan.
5. Adopt feasible financial options from the plan.
6. Conduct jurisdiction-wide marketing and assist in statewide marketing.
7. MIAMI-DADE agrees to assist COUNTY in marketing solar energy and solar installations, Go SOLAR-Florida branding, community outreach campaigns, and Go SOLAR Fests; and promoting consistent, statewide net metering and interconnection standards.
8. Participate in Go SOLAR–Florida team meetings and send representatives to Go SOLAR Fests.

**Deliverables:** Project deliverables shall be delivered to the COUNTY according to the following general timeline.

|   | Deliverables  | Deadline                          | Task Payment |                  | Acceptance Criteria   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---|
|   |   |                                   | Federal \$   | In-Kind Services |   |
| 1 | Develop a structural design solution module based on Miami-Dade County requirements and ready for coding, to include a wind load and anchoring algorithm, input, output and a step-by-step walk through of the process.   | March 31, 2015                    | \$90,000     |                  | COUNTY confirms functionality of interface and provides written approval.                                   |
| 2 | Provide standardized solar e-permit solution module utilizing the implemented FSEC FSFS.  | March 31, 2015                    | \$55,000     |                  | COUNTY confirms access is in place and provides written approval.   |
| 3 | Contribute to development of financial options for the action plan and adopt feasible financial options from the plan.  | October 31, 2014 / March 31, 2015 | \$1,000      |                  | COUNTY confirms adoption of financial options by receipt of documentation.                                  |
| 4 | Adopt Model Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Code Amendments as needed to facilitate electronic permitting and Best Management Practices.  | March 31, 2015                    | \$0          |                  | COUNTY confirms adoption of model ordinance and zoning amendments by receipt of documentation.              |
| 5 | Fully implement a standardized solar permitting system in MIAMI-DADE.   | March 31, 2016                    | \$75,500     |                  | COUNTY confirms functionality of standardized permitting system.  |
| 6 | Conduct jurisdiction-wide marketing, assist in statewide marketing of solar energy and solar installations, Go SOLAR - Florida branding, community outreach campaigns, Go SOLAR Fests, and promoting consistent, statewide net metering and interconnections standards. | March 31, 2016                    | \$10,000     |                  | COUNTY confirms receipt of marketing materials, schedules and attendance sheets for marketing and outreach. |

|              | Deliverables  | Deadline       | Task Payment     |                  | Acceptance Criteria  |
|--------------|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|--|
|              |   |                | Federal \$       | In-Kind Services |  |
| 7            | Attend, during normal working hours, meetings of the Go SOLAR – Florida team and Go-SOLAR Fests, support marketing Go SOLAR – Florida initiatives and send representatives to Go SOLAR Fests. | March 31, 2016 | \$1,000          |                  | COUNTY confirms attendance at a minimum of 85% of meetings of the Go SOLAR - Florida team monthly status updates and all Go SOLAR Fests. |
| <b>Total</b> |   |                | <b>\$232,500</b> | <b>\$58,125</b>  |  |

**Documentation of Deliverables and Payment:** MIAMI-DADE shall provide written documentation of completion of each deliverable. COUNTY will have 30 calendar days to review each deliverable and verify whether it meets the agreed acceptance criteria. Upon notification of acceptance from COUNTY, MIAMI-DADE will issue an invoice for the deliverable. Payments shall be made by COUNTY on a quarterly basis, using the Go SOLAR-Florida invoice template, pursuant to standard COUNTY payment practices and consistent with “Article 4 – Compensation” of the Agreement. The invoice must identify Federal Dollars services and the MIAMI-DADE Cost Share Requirement services.