



**Jay Malina International Trade Consortium  
Sister Cities Program  
Cultural and Business Development Mission to  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS**

April 26, 2007

Dear Friends and Business Associates:

On behalf of Walter Loy, Chairman of the Sister Cities Coordinating Council, we invite you to join Miami-Dade County Commissioner Dennis Moss, Honorary Chair for the Bahamas of the Sister Cities Coordinating Council; and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, Chair of the County Commission on Economic Development and Human Services Committee, on a cultural and trade development mission that celebrates the close cultural and economic ties enjoyed between Miami-Dade County and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. With more than 700 islands located just off of Florida's East coast, the island nation was Miami-Dade's 18<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner with nearly \$2.5 billion in trade last year, a robust increase of more than 43% from a year earlier. And like Miami-Dade County, the Bahamas is a major tourist destination and an important hub for international financial transactions.

Working together with the Bahamian Consulate General in Miami and the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce in Nassau, priority consideration for participation in the mission will be given to the following trade sectors:

- Automobile & Light Truck Parts
- Restaurant & Hotel Equipment
- Recreational & Commercial Marine Supplies
- Information Technology Systems & Components
- Recording Industry
- Construction Materials
- Furniture

While Miami-Dade County and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas certainly enjoy a healthy trading relationship, the two communities are also culturally very close. Early Bahamians were among the very first settlers in South Florida, and some of our oldest neighborhoods showcase the charm and architecture of the houses built by early Bahamian pioneers. That rich cultural tradition continues today in the form of authentic Bahamian food, music, and festivals available in Miami-Dade County throughout the year.

Join us as we visit the capital of the Bahamas, Nassau, located on New Providence Island to reaffirm Miami-Dade County's long friendship with our neighbors to the East. In addition to meeting important members of the Bahamian Government, we will also be touring important cultural and educational sites, and meeting with Bahamian companies interested in doing business with Miami-Dade based businesses.

We look forward to having you join us on this mission on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Natacha Seijas  
ITC Chair

J. A. Ojeda, Jr.  
Executive Director



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**June 27th Thru 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 22nd,  
2007**

**PACKAGE INCLUDES**

**AIRFARE:**

- Miami - Nassau - Miami.

**LODGING:**

- Three nights hotel accommodation in Nassau with breakfast.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

- Transfers from airport to hotel and hotel to airport in Nassau.
- Transfers from hotel to official venues.

**BUSINESS MEETINGS:**

- Business-to-Business matchmaking sessions in Nassau.
- Two lunches , one dinner and networking receptions.

**Standard Estimated And Non-Refundable  
Mission Costs: US\$ 1195 Single Occupancy**

**Full Payment Due By May 22nd, 2007  
[See Registration Form for Details]**

**AIRLINE:**

Mission Participants will be flying on BahamasAir.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION:**

Mission Participants will be staying at a hotel in the central business district.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

A valid US passport is required for all US citizens. All other passport holders should contact:

The Consulate General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas  
25 SE 2nd Avenue Suite 818  
Miami, FL 33131  
Tel. 305 373-6295 Fax 305 373-6312



If you have any questions or need additional information about the Bahamas Cultural and Business Development Mission, please contact:

**Adam Peters  
Senior Sister Cities Coordinator  
The Jay Malina International Trade Consortium  
111 N.W. First Street, 25th Floor, Suite 2560  
Miami, FL 33128  
Tel: 305-375-5420; Fax: 305-372-6111**



**PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION FORM & COMPANY PROFILE**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

[As Appears on Passport]

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Any Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPANY/ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE**

Name of Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Established: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDUSTRY SECTOR [Please check the sector that applies]**

- Automobile & Light Truck Parts
- Restaurant & Hotel Equipment
- Information Technology Systems & Components
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Recording Industry
- Recreational & Commercial Marine Supplies
- Construction Materials
- Furniture

**PRODUCT / SERVICES DESCRIPTION [Give a brief description of your products or services]:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**STATE YOUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MISSION:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**INDICATE TYPES OF COMPANY YOU WISH TO MEET:**

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**IMPORTANT!**

Please attached a half-page biographical information and a recent passport-sized photograph.  
This information will be used for the mission brochure.



**PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION FORM**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 [As it appears on your passport]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

	COST	PARTICIPANTS COST
<b>AIRFARE: Economy Class Round-trip Airfare Per Person</b> [Miami-Nassau.-Miami]	\$163	
Indicate Preferred Seating - <input type="checkbox"/> Aisle <input type="checkbox"/> Window <input type="checkbox"/> Exit Row		
<b>A. TOTAL AIRFARE</b>		
<b>LODGING</b> [Includes bed, breakfast and all applicable taxes]		
Nassau at \$230 per room x 3 nights [June 27-29, 2007], Single Occupancy	\$690	
Nassau at \$258 per room x 3 nights [June 27-29, 2007], Double Occupancy	\$774	
<b>B. TOTAL LODGING</b>		
<b>C. REGISTRATION FEE PER PARTICIPANT</b> [Includes briefing by US Embassy Commercial Officer, scheduled business to business meetings, networking receptions, transportation, certain meals, and administrative costs]	\$342	
<b>D. OTHER</b> [Additional charges that may apply, please refer to notes below.]		
<b>GRAND TOTAL [ A + B + C + D ]</b>		

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

TO REGISTER PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM, [ONE PER PERSON] DETACH, AND RETURN WITH FULL PAYMENT BY CHECK TO: Miami-Dade County Sister Cities Program/Bahamas. C/O Jay Malina International Trade Consortium, 111 NW First Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 2560, Miami, FL 33128. TEL: 305-375-5420; FAX: 305-372-6111.

**NOTES:**

- SPACE FOR THIS MISSION IS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS LIMITED TO 30.
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS **MAY 22ND, 2007**. ITC CANNOT GUARANTEE AIRFARE AND HOTEL BEYOND MAY 22ND 2007. A LATE REGISTRATION FEE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$150 WILL BE CHARGED FOR THOSE RESPONDING AFTER MAY 22ND, 2007.
- ITC WILL PROVIDE HOTEL WITH NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS STAYING IN HOTEL.
- REGISTRATION, HOTEL COSTS, AND AIRFARE ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE.
- AN ADDITIONAL \$500 REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO MISSION PARTICIPANTS WHO ARRANGE SEPARATE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS AND/OR AIR TRAVEL.

Your signing of this registration form binds you to all the terms and requirements of this mission. ITC reserves the right of cancellation and the right to change the mission program or itinerary onsite, based on unforeseen circumstances. Participants agrees, at all times and hereafter, to hold harmless and indemnify the ITC, its staff and board of Directors, contributing organizations, sponsors, agents, affiliates and volunteers from errors, omissions, or actions that may result from the Sister Cities Cultural and Business Development Mission to the Bahamas, June 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>h</sup>, 2007.