

Memorandum



Date: August 22, 2012

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: August Status Update: Assessment and Repair of the Adrienne Arsht Center
for the Performing Arts (Arsht Center) of Miami-Dade County

On July 17, 2012, the Board authorized the County Mayor to expend up to \$5 million for the assessment, demolition, repair, and/or reconstruction of the Arsht Center in response to the water damage to the facility on May 20, 2012. The following is a report of the progress to date.

Slider Engineering Group Inc. (Slider), a forensic engineer consultant, is currently conducting a detailed assessment to identify the cause of the failure of the roof rain water drainage system. The assessment will review all aspects of the existing system, including the storm water drainage wells and construction documents to determine if the existing as-built conditions and capacity of this system are appropriate for the facility. Slider will also provide repair documents and cost analyses to eliminate any potential future failures. Slider is also assessing the existing roof drain water drainage system and providing recommendations as to emergency, on the spot repairs, prior to issuance of the final report.

The County, the Performing Arts Center Trust ("PACT"), and the insurance adjusting team continue to actively pursue reimbursement from our respective insurance carriers. Phase I, which included initial repairs and dehumidification and Phase II, which included demolition have been completed. Phase III, which includes forensic engineer assessment and the reconstruction is ongoing. Cost for all phases have not been finalized. However, we do not anticipate that the approved allocation will be exceeded. Total cost incurred for phases I and II and the estimates received for phase III is approximately \$3.8 million. This amount may be lower depending on the final determination of the business interruption claim. In addition, a notice of claim regarding the water damage has been sent to all parties involved in the construction and/or design of the Arsht Center to provide them with an opportunity to inspect the site and the damages to the facility.

The Administration remains committed to the strong partnership between the County and the PACT. Our shared goal is to restore this world-class facility to the standards of excellence established for its service to our community in time for the opening of the fall season event on October 7, 2012.

If you need any additional information, please contact Lisa M. Martinez, Senior Advisor, at 305-375-2911.

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