

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 19, 2013

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

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez   
Mayor

**Subject:** 2013 National Association of Counties Achievement Awards

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I am pleased to report that Miami-Dade County received 16 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards this year.

Since 1970, NACo has nationally recognized innovative county programs that improve service delivery to residents, achieve greater cost efficiency, help develop a better trained work force, and promote overall accountability. As indicated on the attached list of County winners, we are the recipient of awards for successfully implementing unique projects that are progressive and focus on responsible, effective government.

Achievement Award winners represent a cross-section of County programs and services, with several departments receiving multiple awards. The Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department received six awards in several areas including the Bicycle Safety Education Program, Parks Access and Equity Plan-Building Livable Communities One Neighborhood at a Time Program, and the Park-School Partnership for Nature Preserve Management. Several departments received two awards, including: Cultural Affairs, Miami-Dade Public Library System, and Public Works and Waste Management. The Community Information and Outreach, Information Technology, Juvenile Services, and Regulatory and Economic Resources departments each also received an achievement award.

Dedication, hard work, and progressive thinking are driving us to develop new and innovative ways of enhancing service delivery while maximizing resources. All of our winners have shown what can be achieved through a commitment to exploring creative and inventive methods of providing services to our community.

Please join me in congratulating this year's award winners.

## Attachment

c: Office of the Mayor Senior Staff  
Department Directors  
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - 2013 NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

	<b>PROGRAM TITLE</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1	Economic Development ServiceBot	Community/Economic Development	Community Information and Outreach
2	Going to the Show – A Guide to Preparing New Audiences for a Live Theater Experience	Arts and Historic Preservation	Cultural Affairs
3	Art in Public Places Makes Public Art Cyber-Accessible	Arts and Historic Preservation	Cultural Affairs
4	Miami-Dade County Residential Health Care Facility Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Website	Information Technology	Information Technology
5	Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department Prevention Initiative	Children and Youth	Juvenile Services
6	Reading Ready Initiative	Libraries	Miami-Dade Public Library System
7	YOUmedia Miami	Libraries	Miami-Dade Public Library System
8	RAAM Work Distribution Center	County Administration and Management	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
9	Bicycle Safety Education Program	Parks and Recreation	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
10	Girls Empowerment and Mentoring (G.E.M.)	Parks and Recreation	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
11	Park-School Partnership for Nature Preserve Management	Parks and Recreation	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
12	Red Fields to Green Fields	Parks and Recreation	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
13	Parks Access & Equity Plan-Building Livable Communities One Neighborhood at a Time	Parks and Recreation	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
14	Waste and Recycling Cart Management Program	County Administration and Management	Public Works and Waste Management
15	Transfer Division Night Shift Program	County Administration and Management	Public Works and Waste Management
16	Improving Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) to Enhance South Florida's Environment	Environmental Protection and Energy	Regulatory and Economic Resources