

**THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION,
RICHARD.**

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, COLLEAGUES AND
FRIENDS ... GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO
E-GOV 2016!**

**THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR JOINING ME THIS
MORNING FOR THE OFFICIAL KICKOFF OF THE
GOVERNMENT INNOVATION SUMMIT.**

**IT'S REALLY AN HONOR TO BE WITH YOU ALL
FOR E-GOV'S OPENING CEREMONY, AND TO
WELCOME OUR VISITORS TO MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY!**

**I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING MANNY MEDINA
AND HIS ENTIRE TEAM FOR THE WORK THEY'VE
BEEN DOING, AND CONTINUE TO DO, TO MERGE
THE WORLDS OF TECHNOLOGY WITH PUBLIC-
SECTOR POLICYMAKERS.**

MANNY, WE WOULDN'T BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR VISION, INNOVATION AND COMMITMENT TO PUTTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE CENTER OF THE TECH MAP.

SO, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO CREATE A BETTER MIAMI-DADE FOR THIS GENERATION AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MIAMIANS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ALL THAT WE'RE ACCOMPLISHING TOGETHER HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, OR IN "TECH BEACH," AS I LIKE TO CALL IT, IS BECAUSE WE'RE USING THE MOST MODERN RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US. AND ALSO BECAUSE WE'RE PARTNERING WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL PARTNERS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF OUR CITIES AND URBAN AREAS IS TIED TO OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUOUSLY CHANGE, ADAPT AND INNOVATE.

AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE PROUD TO HOST THE GOVERNMENT INNOVATION SUMMIT DURING E-MERGE AMERICAS 2016. WE'RE ALSO EXCITED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO MOVE OUR COMMUNITIES FORWARD THROUGH THE POWER OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY.

LAST YEAR WAS A BIG SUCCESS, AND I HAVE A FEELING THIS YEAR IS GOING TO BE EVEN BETTER.

JUST LOOK AT THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE ON THE LINEUP TODAY – PEOPLE LIKE BIBOP GRESTA FROM HYPERLOOP TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES.

YOU KNOW, ONE OF OUR BIGGEST CONCERNS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS TRAFFIC. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO TRAVELED BY CAR TO GET HERE TODAY, I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND WHY.

SO, HAVING TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY EXPERTS LIKE BIBOP JOINING US FOR E-GOV LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES WE NEED TO MOVE

**OUR COMMUNITIES EVEN FARTHER FORWARD
ARE COMING SOONER THAN WE THINK.**

**AS A “TECH MAYOR,” I BELIEVE TECHNOLOGY
WILL HELP US SOLVE MANY OF THE TRAFFIC
PROBLEMS WE’RE EXPERIENCING TODAY.**

**FOR EXAMPLE, WE’RE ALREADY MAKING
PROGRESS WITH TRAFFIC-SIGNAL
SYNCHRONIZATION IN SOME OF OUR MAJOR
CORRIDORS -- WHICH HAS IMPROVED TRAFFIC
FLOW. AND WE’RE WORKING ON BRINGING
AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES TO MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY.**

**BUT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS EVEN MORE
MOBILITY OPTIONS, ESPECIALLY ONES THAT
INCORPORATE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO
CONNECT WITH USERS.**

**THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE COUNTY TOOK A
BIG STEP FORWARD IN JANUARY WHEN
COMMISSIONER ESTEBAN BOVO PRESENTED
LEGISLATION TO REGULATE**

**TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES LIKE
UBER AND LYFT.**

**WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MIAMI-DADE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, I
BELIEVE OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WILL
SOON BE ABLE TO LEGALLY USE THE
SERVICES OF APP-BASED MOBILITY
COMPANIES.**

**AND SPEAKING OF APPS, WE'RE CONSTANTLY
WORKING ON THE CREATION OF MORE TO MAKE
GOVERNMENT SERVICES INCREASINGLY
ACCESSIBLE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.**

**IN FACT, LATER TODAY, I'LL BE HOSTING A
PRESS CONFERENCE -- ALONG WITH MIAMI-
DADE'S DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND
PUBLIC WORKS, ALICE BRAVO, AND THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAREERSOURCE
SOUTH FLORIDA, RICK BEASLEY – TO DISCUSS
THE LAUNCH OF TWO NEW COUNTY APPS.**

ONE OF THESE APPS, “TRANSIT WATCH,” IS DESIGNED TO HELP MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT PASSENGERS REPORT INCIDENTS IN REAL-TIME, AND ANONYMOUSLY, IF THEY CHOOSE.

AND THE OTHER APP, WHICH WAS DEVELOPED TO ENHANCE OUR “EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE” INITIATIVE, IS DESIGNED TO HELP RESIDENTS SEARCH AND APPLY FOR LOCAL JOBS.

AS MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, JOBS – ESPECIALLY JOBS IN THRIVING INDUSTRIES LIKE I.T. -- IS A HUGE PRIORITY OF MINE.

AND THAT’S WHY WE’VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY INTO A TECHNOLOGY HUB.

IN ADDITION TO BEING THE HOME OF E-MERGE AMERICAS, MIAMI-DADE IS HOME TO MANY SUCCESSFUL START-UPS, SUCH AS VENTURE HIVE.

VENTURE HIVE HAS HELPED MORE THAN 30 TECH COMPANIES FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE FLOURISH IN OUR WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY.

AND IT'S ALSO HOME TO THE FIRST INNOVATION CENTER THAT MICROSOFT OPENED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE "MIC," AS WE CALL IT, BRINGS TOGETHER INNOVATORS, ALONG WITH STUDENTS AND OTHERS, TO ACCELERATE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES -- CREATING THE TECH JOBS OF TOMORROW.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOBS AND INNOVATION THAT DIDN'T EXIST IN OUR COMMUNITY BEFORE.

AND THAT WORK HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED.

IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION REPORT RECOGNIZING MIAMI AS SECOND IN THE NATION FOR START-UP ACTIVITY, THE WHITE HOUSE RECENTLY DESIGNATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ONE OF ONLY TWO "TECH HIRE" COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH IT, "TECH HIRE" IS A BOLD MULTI-SECTOR INITIATIVE AND "CALL TO ACTION" TO

EMPOWER AMERICANS WITH SKILLS LIKE CODING, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CAN TRAIN RESIDENTS FOR WELL-PAYING I.T. JOBS -- OFTEN IN JUST A FEW MONTHS.

TO ENHANCE I.T. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CAREERSOURCE SOUTH FLORIDA IS INVESTING \$250,000 DOLLARS TO CREATE THE FIRST “TECH HIRE” CENTER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH “BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS.”

THE “TECH HIRE” CENTER WILL BE LOCATED AT THE NEW “BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS” HEADQUARTERS -- ON 550 NORTHWEST 42ND AVENUE – AND WILL OFFER BOOT CAMP CODING COURSES, MEDIA AND GAMING DESIGN COURSES, AND STUDY LABS.

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN CAREERSOURCE’S ABILITY TO PUT OUR RESIDENTS TO WORK THROUGH OUR NEW “TECH HIRE” CENTER, AND OUR EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE INITIATIVE.

SINCE KICKING OFF “EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE” IN DECEMBER 2014, WE’VE TRAINED 395 WORKERS WHO LIVE IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AND PLACED 371 OF THOSE WORKERS IN JOBS IN THE CONSTRUCTION, HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY INDUSTRIES.

AND NOW THAT OUR EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE APP IS READY TO GO, WE’LL BE WORKING WITH CAREERSOURCE TO PLACE RESIDENTS IN EVEN MORE INDUSTRIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO MIAMI-DADE’S ECONOMY – INCLUDING I.T., TRADE AND LOGISTICS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I HOPE THAT MY REMARKS THIS MORNING HAVE DEMONSTRATED SOME OF THE INNOVATIVE WAYS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS USING TECHNOLOGY TO BETTER SERVE OUR 2.7 MILLION RESIDENTS AND MILLIONS OF VISITORS.

BUT AS WELL AS WE’RE DOING, WE NEED TO KEEP DOING MORE.

AND I THINK THAT MANY OF THE SOLUTIONS TO OUR CURRENT CHALLENGES WILL COME FROM THE CREATIVITY OF ALL OF YOU ATTENDING E-GOV 2016.

BECAUSE WHETHER IT'S DISCUSSING TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY SOLUTIONS, OR TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY AND INCREASE EMPLOYMENT, I BELIEVE SUMMITS LIKE THIS ONE FACILITATE THE TYPE OF CONVERSATIONS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO CREATE EVEN BETTER COMMUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN.

AND THAT'S WHY I'M HONORED AND GRATEFUL TO HOST YOU IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DURING E-GOV.

I HOPE YOUR TIME HERE IS MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE, AS I KNOW MINE WILL BE.

LET ME ONCE AGAIN THANK MANNY MEDINA FOR HAVING THE IDEA THAT BROUGHT US ALL HERE TODAY. AND MY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PLAYED, AND WILL PLAY, A ROLE IN THIS EVENT'S SUCCESS.

**LET'S ALL KEEP INNOVATING TOGETHER FOR
THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES.**

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING HERE, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MAY GOD
CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!**

