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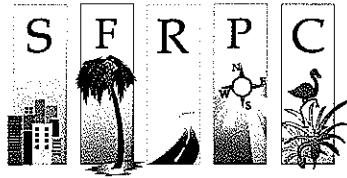
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2009
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since the October 5, 2009 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities

November 2009

South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan (RLF) Programs (SFRPC-RLF, SFRPC-RLF II, RLF III and RESCUE-RLF) are designed to meet the needs of businesses in our region that are not entirely served by conventional lenders. Funds are available to all small and medium size businesses within Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties as well as designated communities within Miami-Dade County. The Revolving Loan Program also provides technical assistance to new and existing borrowers that will assist them with the growth of their business.

During the month of October 2009 Council staff presented the RLF programs at the Minority Development Enterprise Center annual MEDWEEK conference. Council staff also participated in a meeting with the National Food League (NFL) Emerging Business consultant's to discuss a series of business workshops that will be held during the week of the Super Bowl XLIV. Council staff met with the City of Hollywood to discuss the Council's RLF program and how the Council can assist the City with their development of a Revolving Loan Fund.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2009.

For more information regarding the RLF visit our website at www.sfrpc.com/rlf.htm or, please contact Cheryl Cook or Joyce Hall at (954) 985-4416 or email at rlf@sfrpc.com.

Regional Domestic Security Task Force Activities

The Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF) is one of Florida's seven Regions funded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to help prevent or respond to terrorism events in the State. The SERDSTF, which is Region 7, includes Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Council staff is working with the Communications Work Group of the SERDSTF to update its Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TIC Plan). A TIC Plan describes what communications resources are available within a Region, which agency controls them and what procedures are in place for their use. This month, Council staff will meet with Work Group members in Palm Beach and Monroe Counties to begin the update process and bring the Region 7 Plan into compliance with recently released DHS guidelines.

For additional information, contact Manny Cela (celam@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

The State of Florida is divided into 11 Local Emergency Planning Committee Districts whose broad duties include preparing regional hazardous materials emergency plans, perform outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of hazardous substances and provide free training to public sector hazardous material response employees. Since 1988, the Council has served as staff to the South Florida LEPC District 11 (SoFlaLEPC), which encompasses Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. For more information on the SoFlaLEPC and its activities in the Region, please visit its website at www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm.

The Training Subcommittee of the SoFlaLEPC is tasked with recommending which training courses should be offered each year. To that end, meetings are scheduled for November 17 in Marathon and November 19 in Hollywood. At these meetings, the Training Subcommittee solicits comments from local LEPC members and agency training coordinators regarding which

classes are needed most. Those recommendations will be presented to the full Committee at the next SoFlaLEPC meeting on December 2 in Hollywood.

For information on upcoming training courses, please visit our training website: www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm.

Information on upcoming meeting dates, agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes from previous meetings is always available from www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm.

For additional information, contact the SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela (celam@sfrpc.com).

Florida Gold Clean Cities Coalition

The Clean Cities Coalition held its monthly meeting on October 9, 2009. The guest speaker was Jim Murley, Chairperson of the Florida Energy and Climate Change Commission. The Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition is sponsoring the movie Gashole a documentary at the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival on November 8, 2009. On November 14 & 15, 2009, the Coalition will be cosponsoring the Living Green Fair which will be held at John Lloyd State Park in Dania Beach, Florida. On November 17, 2009, the Coalition is cosponsoring the "Compelling Case for Natural Gas which will be held in Tampa, FL. For more information, please contact (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (Khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff or to www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities; <http://livinggreenfair.com/>; <http://www.cleanvehicle.org/workshop/tampa.shtml>.

Bus Shelter Grants Awarded to State Road 7 Collaborative:

Council Staff presented the final reimbursement checks to the State Road 7 Collaborative Cities of Margate, Lauderdale Lakes, and Lauderdale Lakes. This presentation marked the end of the \$½ Million Enhancement Grant awarded to the SFRPC in 2006 for the construction of bus shelters along the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor in Broward County. State Representative Hazel Rogers, along with SFRPC Executive Director Carolyn Dekle, Former Collaborative Chair Edward Portner, and newly elected Chair, Vice Mayor David Shomers presented the checks to the designees from the cities. For more information please contact Brian Traylor, btraylor@sfrpc.com or visit www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm

