



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #11

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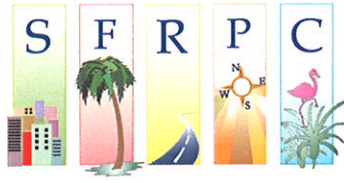
DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2008  
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: STAFF  
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since the September 8, 2008 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



# Highlights of Council Activities

## October 2008

### South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Programs (SFRPC-RLF, SFRPC-RLF II 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.

Council staff is working with the planning committee for the upcoming Minority Enterprise Development (MED Week) Matchmaker Conference and Expo. This event will be held during the week of October 20-25, 2008. This year's program will provide small and minority firms with exposure to corporate and government buyers in a range of industries, including transportation, medical, construction, hospitality, retail, and housing/economic development as well as venture capital financing.

The South Florida Regional Planning Council, Accion USA, and MetroBroward Capital Corporation have partnered together to create a one-stop shop for emerging companies seeking financing. These three organizations have formed the Broward Comprehensive Capital Resource Alliance. The BCCRA will hold its third Free Small Business Alternative Financing Seminar on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Council offices located at 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood.

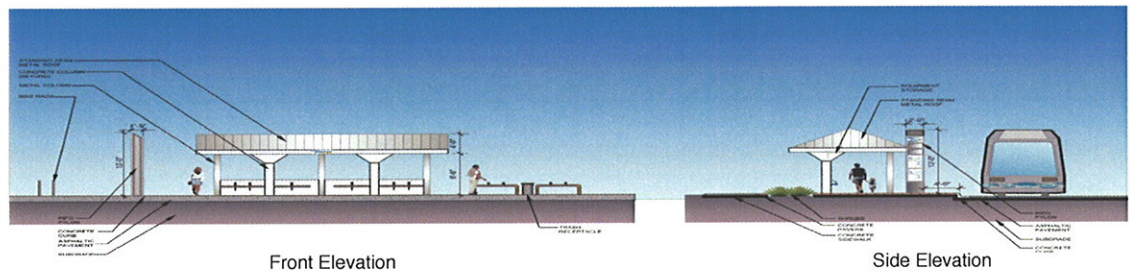
The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2008.

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

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### State Road 7/U.S.441 Transit Enhancements:

Continuing its' work with the State Road 7/U.S.441 Collaborative, Council Staff has been working with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and its consultants on the development of selection criteria and design concepts for Breeze



Breeze Bus Stop Option 1 (Commercial Blvd - SB)

Bus stops along the corridor. The Broward MPO is working with its consultants to engage the communities along the corridor and develop transit enhancements for the limited stop fast bus shelters and stations that are consistent with the redevelopment and streetscapes of the adjacent communities. Kittleson & Associates, Inc. and Bermello Ajamil & Partners presented their work-to-date at the latest quarterly Collaborative meeting at council offices on September 11. Council staff will work with the Collaborative as they move forward with this and other enhancements along the corridor. For more information contact Brian Traylor of Council staff ([btraylor@sfrpc.com](mailto:btraylor@sfrpc.com)).

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## Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership

Staff continues to work with local governments in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties on Brownfields Redevelopment efforts. Recent activities include providing technical assistance to the staff of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for a Brownfields Revolving Loan. The loan agreement will consist of a Memorandum of Agreement between Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and the South Florida Regional Planning Council. The loan will be used to cleanup a site to develop 20 affordable houses within the Carver Square community.

The next meeting of the Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership is scheduled for late October 2008 at the Council's offices.

For more information on brownfields, please see the website at <http://sfrpc.com/brwnflds.htm> or contact Rachel Kalin of Council staff at (954) 985-4416 or [rkalin@sfrpc.com](mailto:rkalin@sfrpc.com).

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## 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.

As part of the Council's Regional Domestic Security Program, staff worked with the SERDSTF to stage several exercise-related events this year. The events began with a workshop for command-level staff in April followed by a Table Top Exercise (TTX) and Drill in June. Finally, an After-Action-Conference was used to help participants debrief, discuss lessons learned and suggest ways to improve the process.

In addition, Council staff worked with the Urban Area Security Initiative for Southeast Florida (UASI) to collect information related to training and exercise needs in the Region. The information was relayed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to help plan the State's training and exercise needs in the coming year.

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

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## Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

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

As part of the Council's Emergency Management and Hazardous Materials Program, the LEPC hosted two exercise-related events this year. A Table Top Exercise (TTX) was held on June 12 in Miami. The TTX featured a city scale model used by the participants to plan their responses to a scenario which included a hazardous materials spill. On September 3, the LEPC presented a CSX Railroad Functional Exercise (FUNX) hosted by the City of Hialeah at its Milander Auditorium. Nearly 70 participants from throughout the Region practiced their response skills using a high-tech array of equipment, including a closed-loop telephone system, four separate radio frequencies and a computer-controlled projector displaying images on a 12-foot screen.

Training is available from the LEPC free of charge. The LEPC hosted a Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness Class on May 28 in Miami and two Chemical Compatibility and Storage Classes on June 19 and August 14 in Hollywood. An Awareness-Level HazMat Class will be offered on September 29 at the Council offices. Two Proper Use of Emergency Response Guides Classes, postponed due to Tropical Storm Fay, will now be offered in mid-October in Miami. The Chemical Compatibility and Storage Class will also be offered in Key West on October 30. Additional training details and registration information is available at [www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm).

Meeting dates and agendas for upcoming meetings as well as minutes from previous meetings are always available from [www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm).

For additional information, contact the LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela ([celam@sfrpc.com](mailto:celam@sfrpc.com)).

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## Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee

Council staff attended the September 5, Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting at the City of Miami. City staff presented four Master Plans (parks & open space, a museum park, Coconut Grove waterfront, and Virginia Key) and an overview of Miami 21 zoning plans. An update of the school concurrency implementation and ILA was given. The model Water Supply Plan has been successful as many local governments are customizing the document to meet their needs. FAPA is hosting a Miami-Dade Elected Officials Meeting on October 24, 2008. Carolyn Dekle will participate in a moderated panel discussion.

The PTC is comprised of planners from local governments and private industry in Miami-Dade County. The PTC generally meets on the first Friday of each month. Council staff provides support for the PTC. For more information about the PTC and upcoming meetings, please visit the Local Government Planners' Meetings Section of the Council's website at [www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm) or contact Karen Hamilton ([khamilton@sfrpc.com](mailto:khamilton@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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## Setting Southeast Florida's Workforce Housing Agenda - the Business Community's Perspective

Please join regional business leaders and public policy makers in helping to develop Southeast Florida's first Regional Workforce Housing Agenda. This morning program will commence with a presentation of up-to-date information on the "State of Workforce Housing in Southeast Florida." Two expert panels will discuss policy changes and management improvements that should be made to reduce / eliminate regulatory barriers and other impediments to workforce housing. With this strong base of information, conference attendees will then participate in the development of a consensus Regional Workforce Housing Agenda.

This Agenda will enumerate actions and policy options available to the public sector (local, state, federal), the private sector and other housing stakeholders to enhance the delivery and availability of workforce housing in the Southeast Florida Region. A highly experienced facilitation team and the latest in interactive polling technology will help ensure that your time is well spent in a highly engaging, interactive discussion that is of critical importance to Southeast Florida's economic future and quality of life. At program's end, participants will leave with an understanding of a regional action plan and next steps.

This conference is currently scheduled for Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Abdo New River Room, 201 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in Fort Lauderdale. It is a collaborative effort of the South Florida Regional Business Alliance, the Broward Workshop, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Inc., the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Broward Housing Partnership, the Housing Leadership Council of Palm Beach County, Inc., ULI Southeast Florida / Caribbean, the Metropolitan Center at FIU, the FAU Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions, and the South Florida Regional Planning Council. For more information about this upcoming conference, please contact Isabel Cosio Carballo ([isabelc@sfrpc.com](mailto:isabelc@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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