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### **Miami Beach Featured at International City/County Management Association Annual Conference**

*-- City Manager Jorge M Gonzalez Takes the Stage --*

**Miami Beach, FL --** The City of Miami Beach will have a prominent presence at this year's International City/County Management Association (ICMA) annual conference being held in Montreal, Canada on September 13-16, 2009. The ICMA Annual Conference attracts professional local government management from around the world, and typically attracts 3,500 to 4,000 local government professionals from cities throughout the world. The theme is "Leading Communities to Success in the New Global Economy."

The City of Miami Beach is one of a handful of cities being featured as an example of good government. A video highlighting Miami Beach's diversity, historic preservation, public-private partnerships and strategic planning process will be shown at the opening session of the conference, throughout the Convention Center, and in all of the guest rooms of each conference hotel. Each conference registrant will also receive a DVD copy.

"I am extremely proud that they will showcase our city to an audience of professional local government executives," said Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez. "It has been my goal since becoming city manager for our city to be recognized as an example of good government."

Miami Beach will also be represented during the opening session when Gonzalez introduces keynote speaker Dr. Alice Rivlin, a senior fellow in the economic studies program at the Brookings Institution and a visiting professor at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute. Rivlin is considered among the most influential policy makers in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rivlin will brief attendees on the current outlook for the economy with a particular focus on implications for local governments. Gonzalez will lead a breakout session with Dr. Rivlin following the keynote session.

"I am very honored to have been selected to introduce Dr. Rivlin," continued Gonzalez. "Public administration is often challenging, but is always rewarding."

Moreover, Gonzalez has been nominated by the International Hispanic Network for the position of vice president for the southeast region on ICMA's executive board. He has been interviewed along with three other city managers from the southeast U.S. region.

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