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APWA Awards Re-Accreditation to Miami Beach Public Works Department

Miami Beach, FL – The American Public Works Association (APWA) recently awarded a prestigious re-accreditation to the Miami Beach Public Works Department. Miami Beach is the sixth city in Florida to have achieved accreditation. First earning an APWA accreditation in May 2007, the APWA re-accreditation will be awarded in a presentation at the City Commission meeting on **Wednesday, July 13, 2011**.

“We are delighted to be the only public works agency in South Florida that meets the APWA rigorous standards established by a cross section of public works professional. The re-accreditation assures our community and its leaders that tax payer and rate payer dollars and funds that we are entrusted to manage, are being spent wisely through the use of national performance standards,” said Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez.

The APWA accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. On a daily basis, accredited agencies meet or exceed standards of performance in areas such as water distribution, wastewater treatment, street/sewer repair and maintenance, engineering, airport management, stormwater drainage, traffic safety, administrative services and vehicle maintenance.

“The APWA re-accreditation of Miami Beach’s Public Works Department is an acknowledgement of all the hard work over the years done by the public works employees as they meet national standards,” said Miami Beach Public Works Director Fred Beckmann.

“It’s exciting to complete a detailed review of an agency’s policies and procedures, and then recommend them for a Re-Accreditation,” said APWA Accreditation Director Ann Daniels. “The City of Miami Beach’s Public Works Department is to be highly commended for continuing their commitment to improving operations to enhance their internal performance and assuring their community they meet or exceed national standards through Re-Accreditation.”

For re-accreditation, a team of APWA public works professionals from Arizona and Missouri completed a thorough evaluation of operations during a May 22-24, 2011 site visit.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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