



We've used this section to answer your Frequently Asked Questions about the upcoming process of developing the 52-acre Miami Beach Convention Center District. If you have a question that is not answered below, please send your inquiry to [mbconventioncenter@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:mbconventioncenter@miamibeachfl.gov).

**Why is this project important?**

The redeveloped Convention Center is poised to be the focal point of the City of Miami Beach, creating not only a state-of-the-art meeting place for large-scale events like Art Basel Miami Beach but a truly unique space that will serve to support hotels, retailers, and restaurants and enrich the lives of those in the Miami Beach community. A modern, redesigned Convention Center will give Miami Beach a competitive edge to bid for more substantial business that will benefit both residents and tourists alike. This will facilitate the ability of the Convention Center to attract high impact conventions, meetings, and tradeshows in an increasingly competitive environment. It will also redevelop the surrounding area, including transforming the Convention Center District into a new vibrant neighborhood with year-round activities; increasing outdoor public space; creating a walkable district providing connectivity between the Convention Center and Lincoln Road and the City's historical and cultural district; providing iconic architecture in keeping with the City's history of significant design; incorporating sustainable (LEED) design principles; while being sensitive to the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

**How were the two competing developers selected?**

As part of Phase I, the City Commission decided on the final two developers after a competitive selection process based on their qualifications and experience delivering similar redevelopment projects.

**Who are the two developers?**

The City Commission shortlisted two qualified development teams who in Phase II, will develop proposed master plans for the Convention Center District. The two companies selected, Portman CAC and South Beach ACE, are stellar candidates, and each have world-class architects as part of their teams.

**When will a decision be made about which developer will move the project forward?**

A decision will be made after several community public forums attended by Miami Beach stakeholders, business owners, residents and media. There will also be Commission workshops to bring further information and understanding to officials and the public. At the June 5, 2013 City Commission meeting, the teams will each present its final master plan and term sheet after which the City Commission is expected to select the final successful developer to move the project forward.

**Who's funding this project?**

Proposed funding sources for the new Convention Center project include \$55 million from Miami-Dade County Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds, new 1% Miami Beach Resort Tax on hotel room rentals, project generated taxes and other project revenue sources.

**How can I share my opinion with developers? How can my voice be heard?**

Community input is essential and will be collected [via email](#) and at several public meetings and workshops. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and get involved. We want to hear from you.

**March 27, 7PM:** Commission Workshop & Public Community Meeting  
Miami Beach Convention Center, Hall C, Flamingo Ballroom

**May 13, 6PM:** Public Community Meeting  
Miami Beach Convention Center, Hall C, Flamingo Ballroom

**May 15, 10AM:** Special City Commission Meeting  
Commission Chambers

**June 5, Time TBA:** City Commission Meeting  
Commission Chambers

For updates on meeting locations and more information, visit [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov) or call 305.673.7411.