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**The P3 Institute Announces Event Speakers for
“The P3 Pipeline: A Forum for the Private Sector”
September 24th – 25th at FIU Kovens Conference Center**

Miami, FL – September XX, 2015 – The P3 Institute, in a joint effort with Miami-Dade County, is pleased to announce the following elected officials and industry leaders who will be presenting at this month’s event, **‘The P3 Pipeline: A Forum for the Private Sector.’** Approximately 250-300 people are expected to attend the event, which serves to promote the advancement of Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) within Miami-Dade. The Forum will be held at the Kovens Conference Center, located at 3000 N.E. 151st Street, Miami, Florida on the Florida International University North Campus, on Thursday, September 24th from 8:30am – 5:45pm and Friday, September 25th, 2015 from 8:30am – 2pm.

P3 Institute sponsors include Peckar & Abramson P.C., John Laing PLC, Black & Veatch, CCA Civil, CPM, Facchina Construction, FirstBank Florida, Kiewit, Odebrecht Construction, Odebrecht Environmental, Moss Construction, Plaza Construction, PC Construction, Sacyr Concesiones, Severn Trent Services, Skanska USA and Becker & Poliakoff.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez will be giving the keynote address on the importance and economic impact of Public-Private Partnerships within the County.

Featured speakers will include:

Carlos Gimenez, Mayor – Miami-Dade County

As the County’s top elected official and chief administrator, Mayor Gimenez is responsible for the management of over 26,000 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$7 billion. Throughout his term, Mayor Gimenez has placed a strong emphasis on job creation, expanding international trade, and diversifying the county’s economic base.

Edward Marquez, Deputy Mayor – Miami-Dade County

Deputy Mayor Marquez is responsible for overseeing the County’s internal management functions, which include the Office of Management and Budget, Human Resources, Internal Services, Finance, Audit and Management, and Information Technology departments. In addition to his position as Deputy Mayor, Marquez serves as Finance Director/CFO of the County.

Frank Rapoport, Partner - Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

A Partner at Peckar & Abramson, Mr. Rapoport concentrates his law practice on construction, government contracts, infrastructure development, and Public-Private Partnerships. He represents a wide range of clients, including project sponsors, equity investors, lenders, and contractors in connection with transportation, social infrastructure, energy, water, and parking projects throughout the U.S. He is highly regarded for strategizing and implementing successful business-capture plans for clients pursuing P3, design-build, and complex infrastructure projects.

Mr. Rapoport also serves as the Chief Strategy Advisor for the Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI), the P3 industry’s advocacy nonprofit corporation. He has also been collaborating with the National Governors Association’s Best Practice Center on the establishment of a national P3 best practices center.

Neal I. Sklar, Partner - Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

Mr. Sklar's primary area of practice is focused on the representation of general contractors, construction managers, and infrastructure contractors in a variety of construction related matters. These matters include providing counsel on state and federal government projects, as well as Public-Private Partnerships involving transportation, commercial, heavy and social infrastructure, energy, and multifamily residential projects.

In addition to the featured speakers, the event will include a range of impressive speakers and panelists:

- **Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr.**
- **David Alvarez, Vice President of Strategic Advisory Services – CPM North America**
- **Gia Arbogast, Director – Miami-Dade Public Library System**
- **Judge Jennifer D. Bailey – Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida**
- **Raymond Baker, Assistant Director, MDC Libraries**
- **Alice Bravo, Director – Miami-Dade Transit**
- **Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager – City of Miami Beach**
- **Steven Charney, Chairman – Peckar & Abramson, P.C.**
- **Antonio Cotarelo, Deputy Director – Miami-Dade County Public Works & Waste Management**
- **Bryant Farland, Senior Vice President – Managing Director of Strategic Projects – Skanska USA Building, Inc.**

- **Jack Kardys, Director – Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Department**
- **Jose M. Lacasa, Senior Vice President, Head of Corporate Banking – FirstBank Florida**
- **George Burgess, Chief Operating Officer – Becker & Poliakoff**
- **Juan Kuryla, Port Director – Miami-Dade County PortMiami**
- **William A. Marino, Founder & Managing Partner – Star America Infrastructure Partners**
- **Asael Marrero, Division Director – Internal Service Department Design & Construction Services**
- **George Navarrete, Deputy Director – Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Department**
- **Les Nicholson, Executive VP and Chief Legal Officer – Facchina Construction**
- **Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor – Miami-Dade County**
- **Anthony Phillips, Head of North America – John Laing**
- **Ken Pyatt, Deputy Director – Miami-Dade County Aviation Department**
- **Jose A. Ramos, Division Director – Miami-Dade County Aviation Planning, Land-Use & Grants Division**
- **Javier Rodriguez, P.E., Executive Director – Miami-Dade Expressway Authority**
- **Charles Scurr, Executive Director – Citizen’s Independent Transportation Trust**
- **Miriam Singer, Chief Procurement Officer & Assistant Director of the Internal Service Department – Miami-Dade County**
- **Tara C. Smith, Director – Internal Services Department**
- **Chief Judge Bertila Soto – Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida**
- **Michael Spring, Senior Advisor to the Mayor & Director – Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs**
- **Jaime Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer – Miami-Dade County Public Schools**
- **Eduardo Villavicencio, Commander – Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department**
- **Simon Waterman, Chief – Miami-Dade Corrections & Rehabilitation Department**

The two-day Forum will include a variety of P3-related presentations and roundtable discussions on the following projects and sectors:

Day 1, Thursday, September 24, 2015 – Sector Presentations and Panel Discussions

-Aviation and Port of Miami Seaport

- Cargo Facilities Construction/Renovation/Expansion
- General Aviation Facilities Development and Maintenance
- Southwest Sector Commercial Development Plan

-Open Forum Roundtable on Streamlining P3 Procurement in Miami-Dade County

-Water and Sewer

- Treatment Plants
- SDWWTP-Class AA Biosolids Processing Plant

- General Maintenance and Office Facilities
- Court Systems
 - Civil Courthouse
 - Criminal Courthouse
 - Related Courthouse Facilities
- Public Works
 - Causeways
 - Traffic Signal Support System Upgrades
 - New TSS Facility, including the new Traffic Control Center
- Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - Detention Centers
 - Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center
 - Training & Treatment Centers
- Transit/Transportation
 - Beach Corridor
 - Facilities Modernizations
 - Douglas Road Extension to Miami Intermodal Center
- Parks and Recreation
 - Parks
 - YMCA Fitness Centers
 - Underline Project

Day 2, Friday, September 25, 2015 - Sector Presentations and Panel Discussions

- School Board Projects in the Pipeline
- Transportation in Miami-Dade County – Recent Developments, Funding Options, and the Role of the Private Sector
- Private Financing Mechanisms for P3s: Overview of Financing Available for County Projects
- Streamlining P3 Procurement in Miami-Dade County with panelists from both the private and public sector

About The P3 Institute

The P3 Institute LLC is an organization committed to bringing together public officials and members of the private sector in an effort to further Public-Private Partnership (P3) projects across all asset classes. The Institute aims to provide its members with productive and cost-effective programming. Every action of The Institute is focused on creating and enhancing public and private relationships by providing innovative networking events and forums to discuss future opportunities with local and nationwide government entities. For more information, visit www.p3institute.org.

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