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City of Miami Awarded \$4.7 Million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant *-Funds will help with energy retrofits and completion of the Miami Green Lab-*



L-R: Mayor Manny Diaz, City of Miami Manager Pete Hernandez and Robert Ruano, Director of Grants & Sustainable Initiatives take a tour of the Miami Green Lab facility. Photo: Jorge R. Perez/City of Miami.

(Miami, FL) – The City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, joined by City Manager Pete Hernandez and City of Miami Administrators **announced the \$4.7 Million Award of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds** at the Miami Green Lab, 141 NW 27 Avenue.

“During my tenure as Mayor, Miami has emerged as a leader on the issues of environmental and climate protection. Our Green lab will be a community resource where residents and local entrepreneurs can learn about sustainability practices that will improve our local economy and reduce our carbon footprint,” said Mayor Manny Diaz.

The EECBG will fund programs and projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency. As part of its federal stimulus package, the federal government has appropriated \$3.2 billion dollars for the EECBG program nationwide. Such funding will allow the City to perform energy efficiency retrofits at City buildings and to complete the renovations of the Miami Green Lab building.

“We are celebrating the acceptance of the federal grant that will allow us to complete the renovations to the Green Lab as well as retrofit approximately 10 city facilities. I am glad to be here for this significant milestone for the city,” said City Manager Pete Hernandez.

The Miami Green Lab is among five city facilities that will be LEED Silver certified, will occupy have a 1,200 SQ. FT green job training facility, house the Office of Sustainable Initiatives, and showcase technologies such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting. The building is slated for completion in mid-2010.

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