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City of Miami Goes High-Tech, Hosts First-Ever Technology Day



Mayor Manny Diaz and City Manager Pete Hernandez, flanked by Information Technology Department staff, declare City of Miami Technology Day. From left to right: Ruth Alcala, City Manager Pete Hernandez, IT Assistant Director Jim Osteen, Maria Martorell, Marco Sanchez, David Bonilla, Lauren Cortinas, Chief Information Officer Peter Korinis, and Mayor Manny Diaz.

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Miami, FL, April 22, 2009 - Technology is changing at an exponential rate and the City of Miami Information Technology Department, in conjunction with City departments, are working hard to incorporate the right technologies to provide better and more efficient services for its residents.

In an effort to showcase some of the many innovative technology projects currently in operation, both internal to the City as well as in the community, Miami today hosted the first-ever City of Miami Technology Day from 10 AM to 3 PM.

The event was meant to celebrate and expand the use of technology to citizens by sponsoring a day of activities to promote awareness and educate residents on various kinds of technology. The community-wide digital literacy program, *Elevate Miami*, was featured as it helps to prepare citizens to participate and compete in the new digital society by assisting them in becoming more comfortable with and adaptable to new technologies.

About Elevate Miami:

Created under the leadership of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Elevate Miami prepares all residents and businesses of Miami for a leadership position in the global economy, establishing public and private partnerships that facilitate affordable technology, including mobile and low-cost internet access, employable skills sets and economic opportunities for all Miamians. The program is a comprehensive, life-long approach focused on the accessibility and affordability of technology and free training for youth, adults, senior citizens and small businesses. For more information, visit us at www.elevatemiami.com or contact 305-416-1538.