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To: Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
Honorable Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Patra Liu, Interim Inspector General 

Date: July 17, 2013

Subject: OIG Achieves Reccreditation

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The Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is proud to announce that this Office was recently reaccredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). The CFA is an independent, tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation designated as the accrediting body for Florida police departments, corrections departments, and inspector general offices. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. Reaccreditation demonstrates that the OIG consistently adheres to these standards and that our work product meets or exceeds the highest professional standards promulgated for offices of inspector general.

The OIG was initially accredited by the CFA in July 2010. CFA assessors came back to the OIG in March 2013 to conduct its on-site re-assessment. As with the initial accreditation, the OIG had to satisfy 40 standards specific to the inspector general community. With reaccreditation, our policies and procedures were vetted; our personnel and training practices were examined; our investigative operations were evaluated; and our work products were reviewed to ensure compliance with these standards.

During its regularly held Board meeting on June 27, 2013, the CFA accepted the recommendation of the on-site assessment team and unanimously accorded reaccreditation status on the Miami-Dade County OIG. Our accreditation status is valid through June 2016. We are pleased to be recognized as one of the few OIGs in the state of Florida to have achieved this distinction for excellence, and we are thankful for your continued support.

## Attachment

cc: Hon. Katherine Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney, Eleventh Judicial Circuit  
Hon. Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of Courts, Miami-Dade County  
Hon. Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Property Appraiser, Miami-Dade County  
R.A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney, Miami-Dade County  
Joseph M. Centorino, Executive Director, Commission on Ethics and Public Trust  
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor



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June 27, 2013

Inspector General Patra Liu  
Miami-Dade County  
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Dear Inspector General Liu:

Congratulations!

We are pleased to inform you Miami-Dade County, Office of Inspector General has met the required standards to become reaccredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Your reaccredited status is official as of this date and will remain in effect for a period of three years. Compliance with any future standards approved by the Commission that may be applicable to your department is part of maintaining your accredited status.

You and your agency are to be commended for your continued diligence, professionalism, and commitment in maintaining this highest recognition among Florida's law enforcement community.

We look forward to working with you and your agency in your continuous pursuit of excellence. On behalf of the Commission, we extend our thanks for your participation and congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Lori Mizell  
Executive Director

Julie Jones  
Chairperson