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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
The Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

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Subject: County Contractor's Employees Charged with Forging and Falsely Notarizing  
MDAD Assistant Director's Signature; Ref. IG24-0006-I

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Blake Edghill and Samantha Gonzalez, employees of Coastland Construction (Coastland), a Miami-Dade County contractor, were arrested today. Mr. Edghill, an Assistant Project Manager for Coastland, was charged with one count each of Forgery, a third-degree felony, and Unlawful Use of a Notary Commission, a misdemeanor. Ms. Gonzalez, a Coastland Project Executive, was charged with one count of Unlawful Use of a Notary Commission, a third-degree felony. The charges stemmed from Mr. Edghill's and Ms. Gonzalez's actions in submitting three permit applications on a Coastland project containing the forged and fraudulently notarized signature of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department's (MDAD's) Assistant Director of Facilities Development. The OIG investigated the matter with the assistance of the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) Airport Operations Bureau and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO).

Coastland was awarded a Tenant Airport Construction Non-Reimbursable (TACN) project at Miami Executive Airport (TMB)<sup>1</sup> for the International Flight Center—a TMB tenant. TACN projects are funded by the tenant based on the tenant's identified operational needs but require project and building permit approval from the County's Building Department, i.e., the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department (RER). MDAD's Assistant Director of Facilities Development is responsible for new construction projects at all MDAD facilities, including TMB, and she has the delegated authority from the MDAD Director to sign permit applications as the owner/agent of MDAD. Permit applications must first be submitted to the MDAD Project Manager (PM) to review and if approved they are then reviewed, signed, and notarized by the Assistant Director. This project, TACN #AB-074A, involved renovations in three hangars, supporting offices, and parking areas. Initial project costs were estimated at approximately ten million dollars and were funded by the tenant, the International Flight Center.

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<sup>1</sup> TMB is the Miami Executive Airport's code. TMB, owned and operated by MDAD, is one of the largest General Aviation Airports in the State of Florida.

The investigation was referred to the OIG by MDAD after the MDAD PM learned of two pending permits submitted to RER without his prior review and approval. The two permits were for a Coastland subcontractor's plumbing work on "Support Offices and Hanger C," and "FBO Terminal Hanger B," both for TACN Project #AB-074A. A third permit, for the same project, was later discovered for a different Coastland subcontractor's work relating to a new fire sprinkler system for "Support Offices and Hanger A." While the permit applications contained the purported notarized signature of the MDAD Assistant Division Director of Facilities Development, none were reviewed nor signed by her.

The investigation determined that Mr. Edghill forged the Assistant Director's signature using previous permit applications to copy her signature onto the permits. For two of the permits, he also used his co-worker's (Ms. Gonzalez's) notary seal and copied her signature as the notary. The third permit was fraudulently notarized by Ms. Gonzalez.

Coastland was notified of the forged and fraudulent permit applications and has resubmitted those permits, removed Mr. Edghill from the project, and ceased to use Ms. Gonzalez as a notary for any company document. Ms. Gonzalez has relinquished her notary seal and commission to the State of Florida.

Both Mr. Edghill and Ms. Gonzalez surrendered today following the issuance of the arrest warrants.

The OIG is grateful for the cooperative working relationship with the MDSO and the SAO, as well as the assistance provided by MDAD and RER personnel during the course of the investigation.

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