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About the Miami-Dade Beacon Council

As a vital catalyst for economic development in Greater Miami, The Beacon Council is the gateway to inclusive opportunity, unparalleled growth, and transformational impact. We achieve this by growing the local economy, championing Miami's business brand, supporting talent and workforce development, and shaping Greater Miami's economic future. Established in 1985, The Beacon Council has attracted more than 160,000 new jobs and \$8 Billion of new investment to Miami-Dade County. For more information, visit BeaconCouncil.com.

The 2023-2024 Annual Report documents the organization's activities and KPIs for the last fiscal year, which ran from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.



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Building Beacon and Greater Miami...Together.

Rodrick T. Miller

President & Chief Executive Officer
Miami-Dade Beacon Council



Dear Partners, Stakeholders, and Friends,

As the Miami-Dade Beacon Council nears its 40th anniversary, I am proud to reflect on the remarkable progress we've made together during the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. This year has been a testament to the resilience, innovation, and collective power of partnerships driving Greater Miami's economic success.

In my first full year as President and CEO, and with the first year of activity under our strategic plan, the results have been extraordinary. We created over 10,000 new jobs, including 2,529 direct positions, and secured more than \$806 million in capital investments. Nearly half of these investments and jobs were focused in historically underserved areas, furthering our commitment to equitable growth. These achievements helped solidify Greater Miami's position as the nation's #1 metro for Economic Strength, as ranked by Area Development.

Our success stems from deep collaboration. Our longstanding partnership with Miami-Dade County remains foundational, and we proudly welcomed Medley and North Miami as new municipal partners this year. By working with industry leaders, nonprofit organizations, and public officials, we've demonstrated how collective action can turn challenges into opportunities.

At the heart of our mission is growing our economy, and this year we sharpened our focus on retaining businesses, fostering innovation, and targeting key industries. Companies like BNP Paribas, Iron Mountain Data Centers, and Noven Pharmaceuticals chose Miami for their growth, highlighting our unique strengths in foreign direct investment and entrepreneurship. Looking ahead, we are expanding our strategies with entrepreneurial acceleration programs and tools to ensure Miami remains competitive on the global stage.

Our people are our greatest asset. Greater Miami boasts one of the nation's most dynamic workforces, consistently ranking as a top market for quality talent. This year, we partnered with our Academic Leaders Council to establish ambitious Talent Development Goals, aiming to increase the percentage of residents with advanced degrees to 65% by 2040. By prioritizing

professional development, micro-credentialing, and support for underserved populations, we are preparing residents to thrive in an evolving economy.

Long-term success also depends on addressing systemic challenges. Through our Opportunity Miami initiative and the ClimateReady Tech Hub, we are leading the way in sustainability. Our partnerships with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Teach For America, and industry leaders have begun to reframe the conversations around education, workforce development, and housing solutions to ensure opportunities for all to fully participate in our economy.

This year, our marketing efforts reached over 1.2 billion people, with an earned media value of \$11 million, further solidifying Miami's global brand. By refining our messaging, launching a new website, and deepening key partnerships, we've elevated Miami's profile as a world-class business hub and laid the foundation for future campaigns.

As we reflect on these accomplishments, it is clear that continued collaboration and bold action will shape our path forward. With world-class assets, a diverse industry base, and an unparalleled workforce, Greater Miami is uniquely positioned to achieve even greater heights. Together, we can build a sustainable, inclusive, and competitive economy.

Thank you for your unwavering partnership and dedication. I look forward to what we will achieve together.

With gratitude and optimism,

Rodrick T. Miller
President & CEO
Miami-Dade Beacon Council



“As I start my second term as Chair of The Beacon Council, I am confident in Miami-Dade County's position as a gateway to the world. We have hit a milestone year with unprecedented growth and have significantly innovated in ways that have fueled the expansion of local businesses, further elevating Greater Miami as a world-class business hub.”

Juan Carlos Liscano

2023-2025 Beacon Board Chair

Vice President of Miami Hub Operations

01 Message from Leadership

Organizational Mission & Vision for Greater Miami



Mission

Drive a more sustainable, inclusive, and competitive economy for Greater Miami.

Vision

Greater Miami is unparalleled as a global business community, where a diverse workforce, innovation and opportunity intersect to produce a prosperous economy.





Rolled out in 2024, our 5-Year Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap, providing focus and an actionable framework for The Beacon Council to deliver on its mission.

1 **Grow the Economy**

Attract and retain quality jobs and investment.

2 **Champion Miami**

Market Greater Miami as a leading global business hub.

3 **Invest in People**

Support talent and workforce development, retention and attraction.

4 **Shape the Future**

Engage on issues impacting our economic future.

5 **Deliver & Track**

Strategic partnerships and funding development.

Please visit next.beaconcouncil.com for more information on our strategic plan.



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2023-2024 Economic Development KPIs & Impact on Greater Miami

Our Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) reflect our commitment to transparency, accountability, and delivering measurable value to our stakeholders. These metrics provide a snapshot of our impact, capturing progress in job creation, investment attraction, business expansion, and community partnerships. They also ensure that every initiative contributes to building a more prosperous, sustainable future for Greater Miami.

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Completed Projects

Targeted Urban Areas will benefit from 51% of the new capital investment and 45% of new direct jobs, advancing our inclusive development goals.

10,287

Total New Jobs

- 2,529 Direct
 - 7,758 Indirect/Induced
-

1.2M

New Square Footage

\$86,311

Average Salary

\$806M

New Capital Investment

A New Record for The Beacon Council

\$16.6M

Annual Tax Revenue

for Miami-Dade County

73%

Businesses Indicated Plans for Growth

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2023-2024 Beacon Council Projects

Company Name	Project Type	Target Industry	Origin Country	Commission District	City
AerSale	Expansion/Retention	Aviation	USA	12	Hialeah Gardens
BNP Paribas	Recruitment	Finance Services	France	5	Miami
Boali	Recruitment	Hospitality & Tourism	Brazil	3	Miami
Codename: E-lixr	Miami-Dade Startup	Trade & Logistics	USA	3	Miami
CODERIO	Recruitment	Tech	Argentina	5	Miami
Connectd	Recruitment	Tech	UK	5	Miami
Doomsday Technology	Miami-Dade Startup	Trade & Logistics	USA	6	Miami
Easescreen	Recruitment	Tech	Austria	6	Coral Gables
FedEx Latin America	Expansion	Trade & Logistics	USA	6	Miami
Floww	Recruitment	Finance Services	UK	5	Miami
Gesnaer USA.	Recruitment	Aviation	Spain	6	Miami
Gloval Shipping USA	Expansion	Trade & Logistics	USA	12	Hialeah
GMS Management Solutions USA	Recruitment	Tech	Spain	5	Miami
Grant Wagner	Recruitment	Other	USA	5	Miami
Hi Deliver	Miami-Dade Startup	Trade & Logistics	USA	12	Doral
HydraMetrix	Expansion	Other	Chile	3	Miami Beach
Inter&Co	Recruitment	Finance Services	Brazil	5	Miami
Iron Mountain Data Center	Expansion	Tech	USA	2	Miami
ITACA Technologies	Recruitment	Tech	Spain	12	Hialeah Gardens
Kings Exports & Imports	Expansion	Trade & Logistics	USA	12	Doral
Leenspace	Miami-Dade Startup	Tech	Uruguay	5	Miami
Lodgerin	Recruitment	Hospitality & Tourism	Spain	7	Coral Gables
Manolo Bakes	Recruitment	Other	Spain	12	Miami



Company Name	Project Type	Target Industry	Origin Country	Commission District	City
MIAX	Expansion	Finance Services	USA	3	Miami
Nexess Solutions	Recruitment	Tech	France	3	Miami
Noven Pharmaceuticals	Expansion	Life Sciences & Healthcare	USA	9	Miami
OLR Services, Inc.	Expansion	Trade & Logistics	USA	12	Doral
Paardekooper / Broekhof USA	Expansion	Trade & Logistics	USA	12	Miami
PharmaLab	Expansion/Retention	Life Sciences & Healthcare	USA	13	Miami Lakes
MSC Group	Expansion	Trade & Logistics	USA	3	Miami
Quant16	Recruitment	Finance Services	USA	5	Miami
Reto Health & Performance	Recruitment	Life Sciences & Healthcare	Spain	5	Miami
Rock Thompson	Recruitment	Creative Industries	Nigeria	1	Miami Gardens
Solubag	Recruitment	Other	Chile	7	Key Biscayne
SOMPO	Recruitment	Finance Services	Japan	5	Miami
Sosmatic	Recruitment	Tech	Spain	7	Coral Gables
Startup OLE	Recruitment	Creative Industries	Spain	5	Miami
Taligent LLC	Recruitment	Tech	Argentina	3	Miami
TBS (Trading Business & Services)	Expansion	Trade & Logistics	Brazil	12	Doral
TechsBCN	Recruitment	Tech	Spain	5	Miami
Three Zero Five Transportation	Expansion	Hospitality & Tourism	USA	1	Opa Locka
Tiny Mile	Recruitment	Tech	Canada	5	Miami
Tiro Partners	Recruitment	Tech	UK	5	Miami
UnDelay	Miami-Dade Startup	Aviation	USA	3	Miami
VOLTA ion	Expansion	Tech	USA	1	Miami

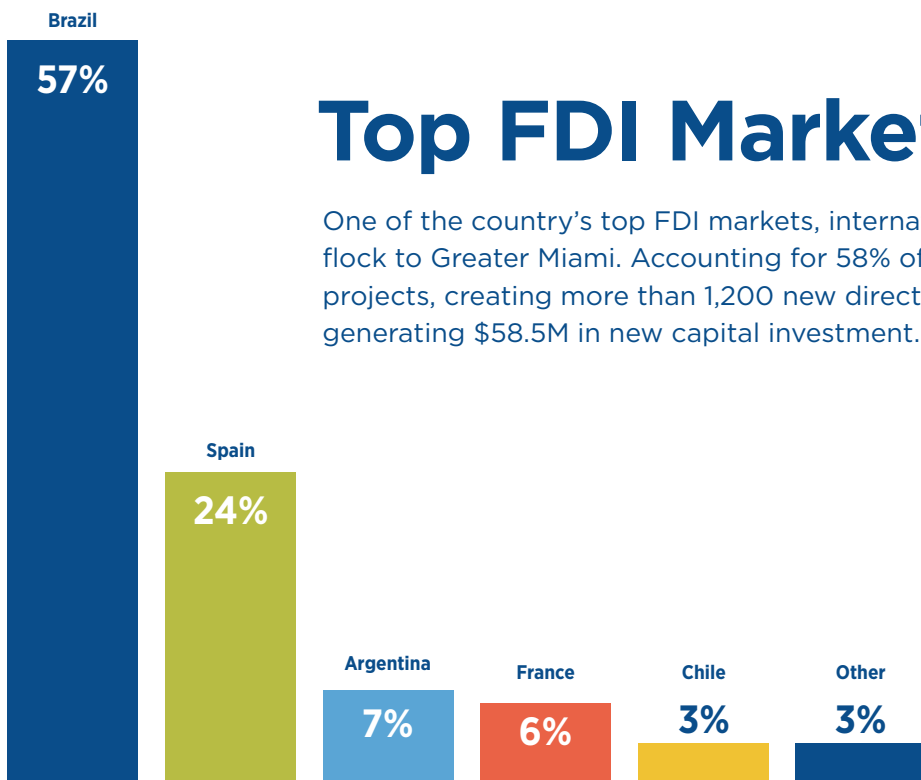
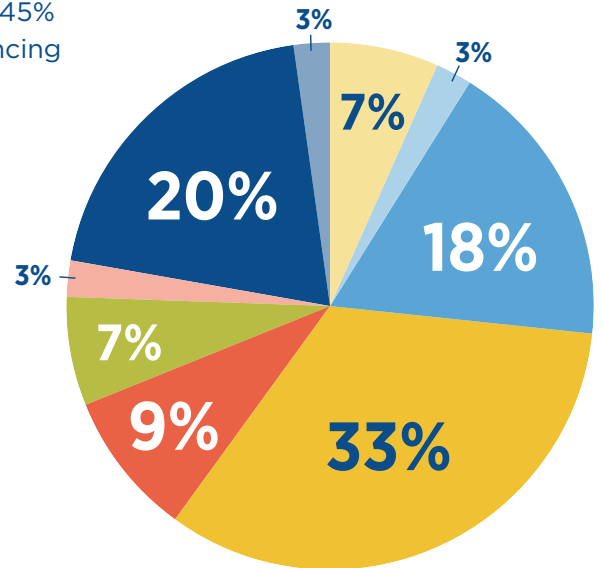


45 Projects

With 34 thriving municipalities throughout Greater Miami, companies are able to identify the location for their company's continued growth. 51% of the new capital investment and 45% of new job commitments are in Target Urban Areas, advancing our inclusive development goals.

Projects per District

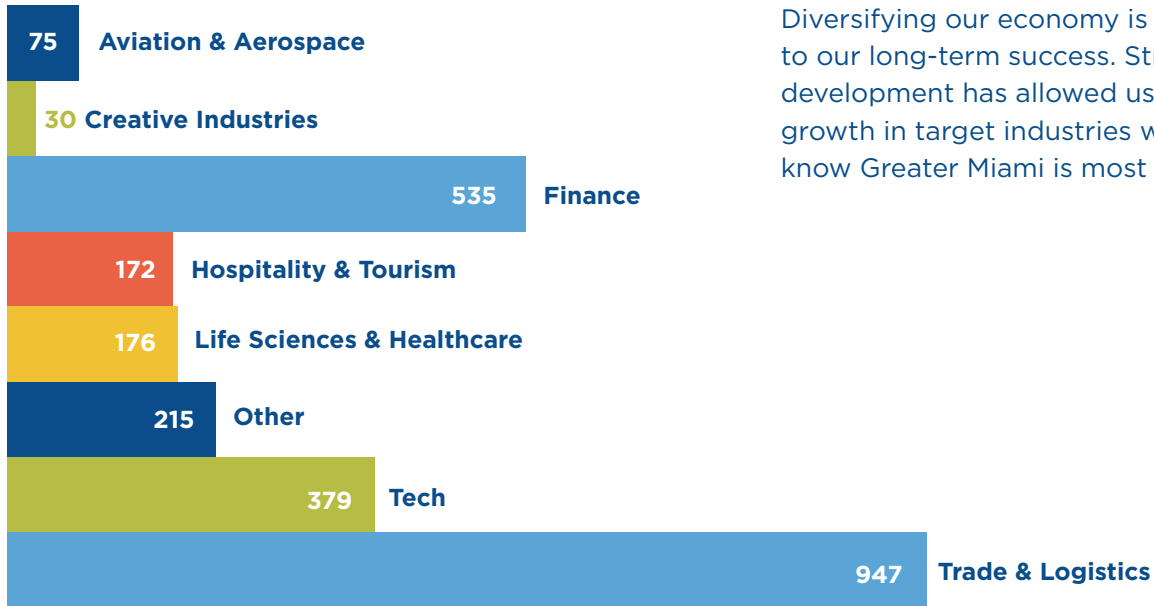
- District 1
- District 2
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- District 6
- District 7
- District 9
- District 12
- District 13



Top FDI Markets

One of the country's top FDI markets, international businesses flock to Greater Miami. Accounting for 58% of this year's projects, creating more than 1,200 new direct jobs and generating \$58.5M in new capital investment.

2,529 New Direct Jobs by Target Industry



Diversifying our economy is essential to our long-term success. Strategic development has allowed us to drive growth in target industries where we know Greater Miami is most competitive.

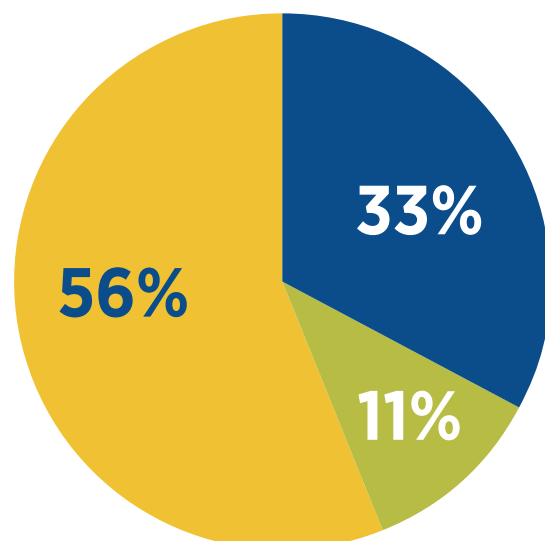
Does not include indirect or induced jobs.

Recruitment & Retention

Retaining and growing our existing businesses and startups is as vital to our local economy as our targeted recruitment efforts. This year's successes include both delivering on our HQ recruitment strategy with multiple HQ projects, and almost a 50/50 split between recruitment and retention projects.

Type of Project

- Recruitment
- Expansion/Retention
- Miami-Dade Startup



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Impact Stories: Highlights from Our Past Year

International Finance Leads, Fintech Still Strong

Investments totaling \$53 million created 535 jobs, driven by expansions like Inter&Co, a Brazilian financial super app now headquartered in Miami; Quant16 expanding from Chicago; and BNP Paribas, the EU's leading bank, now in Brickell. Another 23/24 project, MIAX Sapphire, will be the first national securities exchange to establish operations in Miami.





Tech Sector Leading Growth

Growing 3X since 2020, Greater Miami’s tech sector is thriving, boasting the most diverse tech talent in the country and ranking #4 for tech talent growth. Accounting for the largest percentage of this year’s project activity at 29%, Miami’s attracting leaders in fintech, healthtech, logisticstech and cybersecurity. With a \$154,000,000 investment, Iron Mountain Data Center’s expansion serves to underscore Miami’s emergence as a leader in tech infrastructure.

One of the country’s leading markets for foreign direct investment, 85% of this year’s tech projects—including Coderio, Connectd, and Pinkbot—are international.

Self-described “customer service-obsessed food and robot lovers”, Pinkbot seeks to disrupt the third party restaurant delivery industry. Their adorable and efficient robots can be spied riding through Brickell with purpose as they hurry to deliver hot food, better margins, and smiles all around.

Unparalleled Connectivity Drives Trade Logistics Leadership

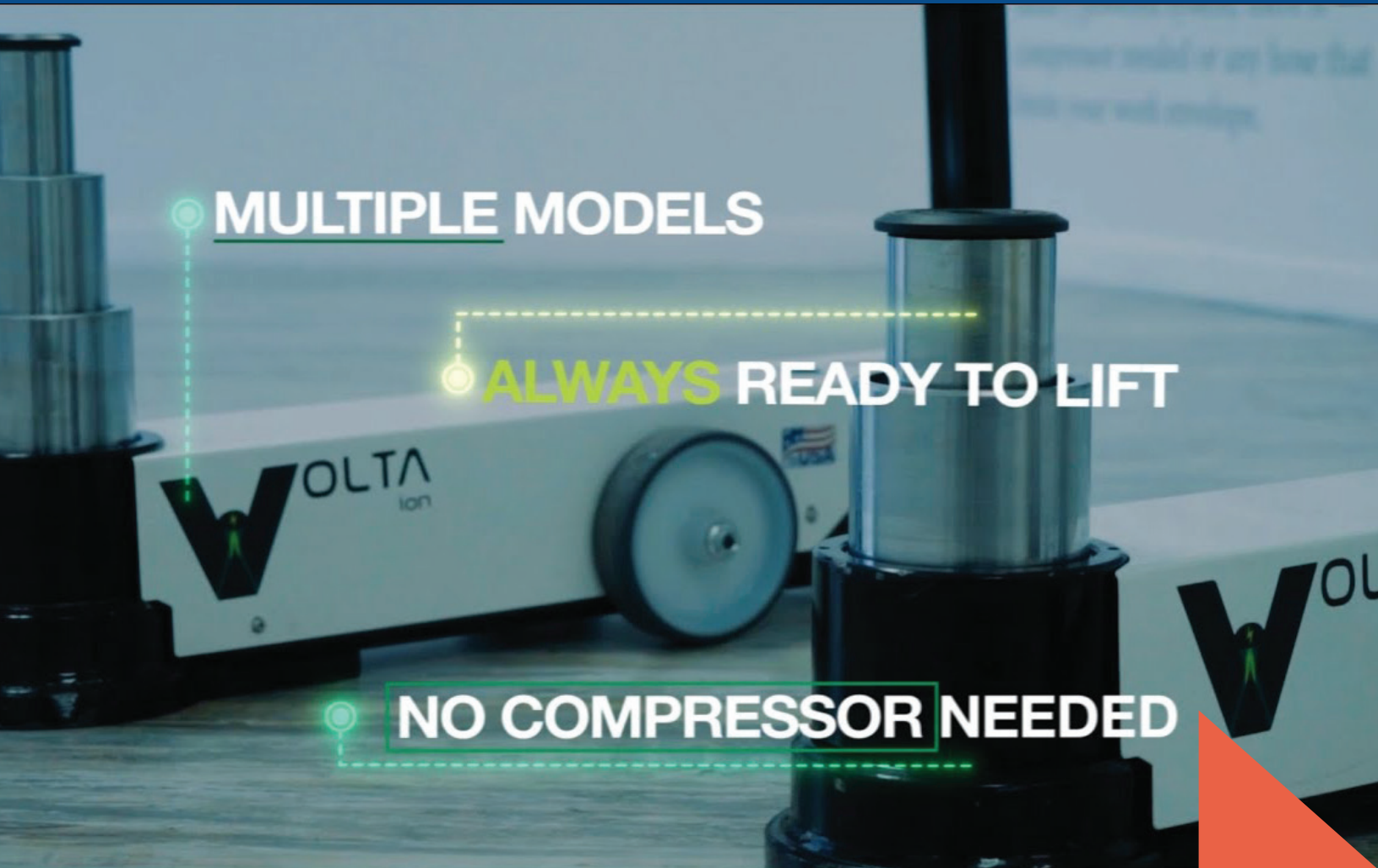
With one out of every four jobs impacting the trade and logistics sector, coupled with Miami's dominance as the Cruise Capital of the World, it is only natural to have MSC Group choose Miami for their consolidated HQ. Their \$100 million investment in Miami-Dade will bring approximately 250 South Florida-based team members from MSC Cargo, MSC Cruises and Explora Journeys together in a new state-of-the-art facility in Wynwood. This is in addition to MSC's investment in the world's largest cruise terminal, presently under construction at PortMiami.

This year's trade and logistics-related projects represent a combined \$523 million in new capital investment for Miami-Dade County.



“Miami has been a pivotal part of our growth story in the U.S., and we are proud of our strong history of driving the local economy. The Beacon Council was a significant driver in helping us make our decision. They played an instrumental part in making us feel welcome to make this commitment to expanding in South Florida.”

Fabio Santucci
President and CEO of MSC USA



MULTIPLE MODELS

ALWAYS READY TO LIFT

NO COMPRESSOR NEEDED

Sustainable Solutions & Innovation

Recently designated a ClimateReady Tech Hub by the EDA, South Florida is a global leader in sustainability and innovation. From groundbreaking research at the University of Miami and Florida International University, to efficient air conditioning systems from Blue Frontier, Greater Miami is at the forefront of transformative solutions powering the blue and green economies.

One of many success stories is VOLTA ion, a Miami-based pioneer in sustainable automotive service equipment, revolutionizing the industry with innovations like heavy-duty hydraulic floor jacks powered by rechargeable lithium batteries.

International Outreach Continues to Deliver

Greater Miami's focus on international investment led to strategic missions to the UK, Ireland, and Spain, reinforcing its position as a hub for innovation and economic opportunity. The UK and Ireland mission highlighted Miami-Dade's strengths in tech, sustainability, and urban mobility through engagements with government officials, private stakeholders, and leading companies. Key outcomes included expanding foreign direct investment (FDI) interest in FinTech, clean energy, and waste-to-energy projects. Similarly, the Spain mission targeted Madrid, Zaragoza, and Pamplona, focusing on fostering partnerships with Spanish companies and exploring technology and sustainability opportunities. Spain remained Miami-Dade's second-largest source of FDI, contributing \$14M and creating 319 jobs, while Brazil led foreign investments with \$33M and 460 jobs. International projects comprised 58% of projects and 48% of jobs, with an expected creation of 1,218 jobs. These missions solidified Greater Miami's global brand as a gateway to the Americas.





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Impact Stories: Highlights from Our Past Year

opportunity miami

Launched in December 2021, Opportunity Miami, powered by the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, has been imagining the Miami of 2040—and helping our community build it. Since then, the initiative has engaged more than 12,000 followers and brought together more than 3,700 participants through 23 impactful events and 220+ original pieces of content that have garnered more than 86,000 combined views.

Heading into this milestone year, the evolving platform is doubling down on advancing its mission of amplifying a vision for innovation, inclusion, and sustainability. Program highlights this past year include the launch of the 2040 Talent Development Goals, an ambitious initiative aimed at ensuring 65% of Miami's working-age population holds a postsecondary credential by 2040. Led by the Academic Leaders Council, which unites local educational, public and private sector leaders in the spirit of driving collective progress, this program helps us develop a future-ready workforce, providing onramps to quality jobs for residents throughout Greater Miami.

Through innovative initiatives and ongoing collaboration, Opportunity Miami is inspiring change and positioning Greater Miami as a global leader in opportunity and sustainable growth.



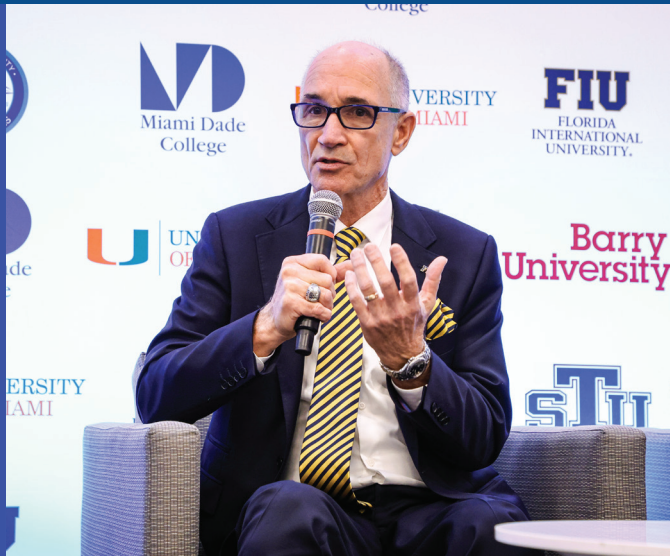


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Miami-Dade County 2040 Talent Development Goals

PRESENTED BY The Academic Leaders Council

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The Class of 2040: Building Miami's Next-Generation Workforce

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Championing Miami in Chicago

Demonstrating increased activity and engagement opportunities, The Beacon Council embarked on its first-ever joint economic development mission to Chicago this year in partnership with Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT), CareerSource South Florida, and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Leading with outreach to Black and Latino-led businesses, founders, and investors, the delegation explored best practices to fuel inclusive growth in Greater Miami.

The delegation connected with more than a dozen influential business leaders and organizations, including meetings with 1871, Cleveland Avenue, Chicago Trend, and Quintin Primo, fostering meaningful dialogue and identifying opportunities.

A highlight of the trip was the genesis of Quant16, a dynamic new initiative now part of our active project pipeline, signaling tangible results from these strategic engagements. Beacon investors partnered to help extend our reach in-market, with Greenberg Traurig, First American Bank, JLL, and Tenant Rep all providing support in Chicago. Quant16, one of our 2024 projects, is a direct result of this mission, which helped build our pipeline and reinforced Greater Miami's position as a hub for innovation and opportunity.





Nonprofit Partnerships Expand Reach & Influence

Collaboration is a powerful driver of economic growth and community resilience, enabling innovative solutions and creating opportunities that no single organization can achieve alone. Over the past year, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council has worked to deepen its partnerships with local nonprofits, including CareerSource South Florida, The Children's Trust, The Miami Foundation, Miami Tech Works, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade, and YWCA, among others. Working in concert with these organizations has allowed The Beacon Council to combine resources, share expertise, and leverage networks in innovative ways that efficiently address shared challenges.

By focusing on issues that influence economic development but extend beyond its core mission, The Beacon Council is addressing challenges that require collective action to drive meaningful, long-term impact. Working alongside organizations with complementary goals has expanded its reach and enhanced its ability to engage on key priorities, such as workforce readiness, equity, and community well-being. These strengthened relationships ensure Beacon continues to amplify its impact, creating opportunities, and fostering a more inclusive and resilient economy for Greater Miami.



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Who We Are

As Miami-Dade County's official economic development partnership, **The Beacon Council** is dedicated to fostering a sustainable, inclusive, and competitive economy for Greater Miami. Since 1985, we have helped over 1,385 companies grow and have attracted more than 160,000 new jobs to this community.

What We Do

Support Your Growth with Services & Access to Incentives

Business Growth Services

Offering site selection, property searches, project management, workforce development, and connections to local business leaders.

Support with Tax Incentives

- State Tax Credits for businesses in high-growth sectors.
- Property Tax Exemptions for capital investment and new equipment.
- R&D Tax Credits for innovation-driven companies



Our Team



Rodrick Miller
President & Chief Executive Officer



Tati Nascimento Silva
Chief Business Development Officer



Camela Glean Jones
Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operations Officer



Maria Budet
Chief Marketing Officer



George Lanza
Chief of Staff



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Mario J. Sacasa
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Julio Piti
Vice President, Investor Relations & Development



Ilona Vega Jaramillo
Vice President, International Economic Development



Madeline Mesa
Director, International Economic Development



Marco Phanord
Director of Finance



Thalís Morales
Coordinator, Systems Compliance, Economic Development



Eneida Clements
Executive Assistant to the President & CEO



Janice Quevedo
Executive Assistant, Finance & Administration

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Florida International University's Wall of Wind

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Miami-Dade County



As the official economic development organization for Miami-Dade County, The Beacon Council serves as a public-private partnership representing all 34 municipalities within the region. At the core of its mission is an ongoing commitment to collaboration that fuels economic growth and prosperity for residents and businesses throughout Greater Miami. By working closely with the Mayor, the Board of County Commissioners, and numerous county teams

including the Office of Economic Development and Innovation, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, PortMiami, the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, and others, The Beacon Council is centralizing leadership, aligning priorities, and optimizing resources to tackle critical challenges that shape the economic future of this community.

Beacon's collaboration with the county has a multiplier effect for both parties' efforts, driving impact locally and globally. One of the top markets for FDI in the country, The Beacon Council partners regularly with the International Trade Commission on strategic trade missions that position Greater Miami as a world-class business hub as well as on hosting dozens of visiting trade delegations exploring what this global innovation hub has to offer. Much closer to home, the team collaborates with the County Commission on transformative projects that strengthen local communities and cultivate a vibrant, diverse economy. These partnerships are invaluable to making essential connections across industry sectors and are foundational to cultivating the pro-business climate that sets Greater Miami apart.



"Miami-Dade County is thriving as a world-class business hub—driven by an economy that embraces innovation, builds a future-ready workforce, supports small businesses, and empowers all people to succeed. As the county's economic development partner, The Beacon Council plays a pivotal role in these achievements with an impact that extends across sectors and communities to drive long-term transformational growth. In FY 2023/24, our work together supported projects that will not only create more than 10,000 new jobs but contribute \$2.5 billion to our Gross Regional Product and generate \$16.6 million in recurring revenue for Miami-Dade County.

As The Beacon Council prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary, I look forward to commemorating the many ways they have shaped our local economy over the past four decades and continuing our partnership to drive sustainable growth, unlock new opportunities, and shape an even brighter future for Greater Miami."

Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor of Miami-Dade County

Miami-Dade County 2023-2024 Board of County Commissioners



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District 10



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District 9



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District 11



Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez
District 12



Commissioner René Garcia
District 13

04 Building Together: Our Partners

Beacon's Founders & Past Chairs

With deep appreciation, we applaud our founders and Past Chairs. The success of The Beacon Council today was built on the foundation laid by our leaders. For your guidance yesterday, today and tomorrow, we thank you.

1985-1986	Theodore Hoepner*	2004-2005	Benjamin J. Mollere
1985-1986	Sidney Levin*	2005-2006	Neisen Kasdin
1986-1987	David R. Parker	2006-2007	Angel Medina Jr.
1987-1988	Merrett R. Stierheim*	2007-2008	Pete Pizarro
1988-1989	Robert Epling	2008-2009	Tere Blanca
1989-1990	Phil de Montmollin	2009-2010	Alexandra Villoch
1990-1991	Governor Jeb Bush	2010-2011	Jack Lowell
1991-1992	Burton Landy	2011-2012	Alan Becker
1992-1993	Modesto Maidique, Ph.D.	2012-2013	Joe Pallot
1993-1994	Williams Myers	2013-2014	Sheldon Anderson
1994-1995	Carlos Palomares	2014-2015	Donna Abood
1995-1996	Robert Beatty	2015-2016	Ernie Diaz
1996-1997	Carol Wyllie	2016-2017	Jaret Davis
1997-1998	Adolfo Henriques	2017-2018	Nelson Lazo
1998-1999	George Foyo	2018-2019	Penny Shaffer, Ph.D.
1999-2000	Fred Messing	2019-2020	Hugo Castro
2000-2001	Mario del Valle	2020-2021	Gary Goldfarb
2001-2002	Tom Cornish	2021-2022	George Bermudez
2002-2003	Robin Reiter	2022-2023	Yolanda Cash Jackson
2003-2004	Calixto Garcia-Velez		

**1985 Co-Founders*



“Communities, like the individuals who inhabit them, require direction. Dade County is no exception., particularly in the area of economic development. The Beacon Council project has allowed a consensus to build within the community, an acknowledgment of our strengths, and a recognition that we must coordinate our diverse interests into planned action to address our future needs.

As a result of the Beacon Council effort, the new organization now has a plan of action, a sense of direction. The tremendous effort that resulted in the strategic plan must now be embraced by the entire community.

Together, we can attain the goals set forth in this plan and propel our community to the greatness it so richly deserves.”

**Sidney Levin, Theodore Hoepner,
and Merrett R. Stierheim**

Tri-Chairman, The Beacon Council, November 15, 1985

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Merrett R. Stierheim
(1933-2024)

Beacon Council Founding Co-Chairman, 1985
Board Chair 1987-1988



John “Jack” Lowell, Jr.
(1943-2024)

Beacon Council Board Chair 2010-2011

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2023-2024 Officers & Board of Directors



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Chair**



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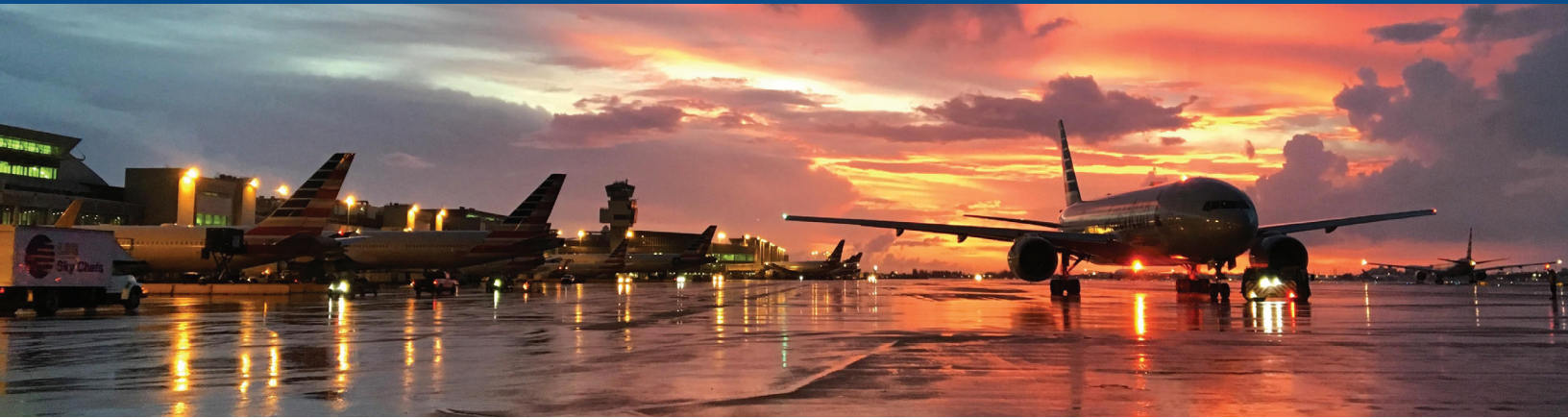
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