



## Bill Johnson, Port Director at the Port of Miami to Appear on The Neal Asbury Show the Week of December 10th.



**B**ill Johnson is the Port Director at the Port of Miami. Mr. Johnson has more than twenty-eight years of management experience with Miami-Dade County government and has served as Port Director since June 2007. During this time, the Port of Miami has experienced significant growth, from record level of cruise traffic with approximately 4.1 million passengers to newly executed cargo contracts that have, and will continue to strengthen the Port's financial position as a major economic engine for Miami-Dade County.

Prior to serving as Port Director, Mr. Johnson has held several senior positions in the County Manager's Office since January 1995, including: Special Assistant, Senior Assistant, Transportation Manager, and Assistant County Manager. Responsibilities

included the oversight of various County Departments, including: Aviation, Seaport, Procurement Management, Business Development, Transit, Building and Code Compliance, Planning and Zoning, and the Office of Capital Improvements, which includes the \$2.9 billion Building Better Communities Bond Program. Mr. Johnson also served as a liaison with the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Florida Department of Transportation (District Six). Additionally, he has held a number of management positions, including Director of the County's Contract Coordination Office. From 1994 to 1998, Mr. Johnson was Chairperson of the Miami-Dade County Review Committee, responsible for designation of minority and small business measures on most County contracts.

In 1997, Mr. Johnson was appointed as the County's representative for the American Airlines Arena project, where he worked closely with the Miami Heat Basketball Team and their development company in overseeing the construction of the \$250 million complex. In October 2003, he was tasked to resolve problems plaguing the Performing Art Center project, where he successfully restructured a completion plan for this state-of-the arts complex, endorsed by the Performing Arts Center Trust and approved by the Board of County Commissioners in July 2004. He also served as the County's lead negotiator with the U.S. Department of Defense for the con-

veyance of 600 acres of land surrounding the Homestead Air Force Base, and served as the County's point person on all military-related issues.

For more than eight years, Mr. Johnson has served as Miami-Dade County's liaison to the Performing Arts Center Trust, the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust, the Beacon Council, Miami-Dade's Economic Development Agency, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, and various Chambers of Commerce in Miami-Dade County.

Known as a problem-solver and for his dedication to finding solutions to difficult government issues, Mr. Johnson earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Tennessee. A native of Akron, Ohio, Mr. Johnson has lived in Miami-Dade County for the last twenty-eight years.



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