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### ASPA BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE 2011

(Miami, FL.) - ASPA South Florida Chapter presents its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Practices Conference at St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami Gardens on April 29, 2011. This year's conference theme is: *The Management of Hard Times: Citizens and Governments Coping with Economic Stress.*

There will be multiple panels throughout the day with topics to include:

- **E-government and Sustainability**

Moderator - Dr. Michael Miliakovich, Faculty, Department of Political Science, University of Miami

- **Global Challenges and Best Practices**

Moderator - John Yearwood, World Editor, Miami Herald

- **Best Practices in Public Safety**

Moderator - Dr. Suzanne Salichs, Administrator, Office of the Mayor, Miami-Dade County

- **Managing Health Care Reform**

Moderator - Dr. Arthur Simon, Faculty, Department of Political Science, University of Miami

- **Attracting, Retaining and Developing New Millennials to Public Service**

Moderator - Dr. Jonathan P. West, Faculty, Faculty and MPA Director, University of Miami

- **Real Estate and Fiscal Issues**

Moderator - Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, Miami-Dade

County\*

- **Public School Administration in Transition**

Moderator - Glenn Joseph, President, ASPA South Florida Chapter\*

**THE OPENING PLENARY** will be given by Dr. Antonio Villamil, Dean at St. Thomas University, School of Business on the Economic Conditions and Operating in the 'New Norm' of the Economy

**FINAL PLENARY SESSION--Federal and State Impacts on Local Government**

Moderator - Dr. Ramon DeArrigunaga, Faculty, Department of Political Science, University of Miami

Panelists:

Don Slesnick, Mayor, City of Coral Gables

Stephen Spratt, Director of Municipal Services, Government Services Group, Inc.

Jorge Gonzalez, City Manager, City of Miami Beach

Lynda Bell, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Dist. 8

Danny Crew, Manager City of Miami Gardens

Alina T. Hudak, County Manager, Miami-Dade County

The conference will take place on Friday, April 29, 2011 at the St. Thomas University, 16401 NW 37th Avenue, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Space is limited so please register to participate now at [www.aspaonline.org/southfla](http://www.aspaonline.org/southfla).

ASPA is the oldest and most prestigious organization devoted to enhancing excellence in public service. For further information, ASPA's website can be accessed at: [www.aspaonline.org/southfla](http://www.aspaonline.org/southfla).

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