



## **MEDIA ALERT Port of Miami Tunnel Project**

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### *MIAMI PORT TUNNEL*

## **GEOLOGICAL TESTING EXPANDS**

MIAMI, FL—A new round of geotechnical tests will begin this week in Government Cut channel, site of the future Port of Miami Tunnel. Prospective bidders had indicated they wanted more information before seeking the contract to design, build, finance, operate and maintain that project.

Said FDOT District 6 Director of Transportation Development Javier Rodriguez, “Knowing more about what lies beneath the channel will give potential bidders greater ability to estimate their costs when responding to the Request for Proposals we plan to issue this summer.”

Data gathered will help reduce risks that might arise during the building process. Test results will be detailed in a series of geotechnical reports that will be posted on the project website [www.portofmiamitunnel.com](http://www.portofmiamitunnel.com).

The Tunnel Project will help maintain the competitiveness of the Port of Miami, Miami-Dade County’s second-leading economic generator, by improving access for cargo and passenger vehicles and reducing congestion along downtown Miami streets. Spearheaded by the Florida Department of Transportation, the project will be developed as a private/public partnership with a concessionaire to be selected by December, 2006.

Comments or questions from prospective bidders should be sent to Nancy Kay Lyons, District 6 Contracts & Procurement Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172, telephone 305-470-5404, fax 305-470-5717 or [d6.contracts@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:d6.contracts@dot.state.fl.us). News reporters should contact David Ramil at 305-573-4455 ext 21 [info@communikatz.com](mailto:info@communikatz.com).