

## ***Announcement of Port of Miami's Annual Stevedoring Permit Application Process***

The Port of Miami (POM) is among America's busiest ports and recognized throughout the world with the dual distinction of being the Cruise Capital of the World and the Cargo Gateway of the Americas. More than 800,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) of cargo transited through the port last year, as well as cruise vessels calling the POM embarked and disembarked over 4.1 million passengers. To service the stevedoring needs of the Port's cruise and cargo line customers, eight annual POM stevedoring permits were issued in 2009. For 2010, the Port is inviting qualified stevedores interested in performing cruise and/or cargo stevedoring services at the POM to submit completed applications meeting the requirements of this solicitation by the deadline set forth below.

Based upon an annual determination of need, the Port Director has determined that up to eight (8) Port stevedoring permits may be issued for the upcoming 2010 permit year. The Port Director, however, reserves the right to revise this number should additional material information come to his attention or in response to changing market or other Port conditions.

The Port Director shall grant stevedoring permits only to responsive and responsible applicants that meet the requirements of the subject solicitation documents, but shall not initially issue more than eight (8) permits. Should the number of responsive and responsible permit applicants exceed eight (8), permits will only be awarded to the best qualified and highest ranked responsive and responsible applicants, evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria set forth in the Instructions to Applicants up to the aforementioned cap.

The Permit Application and Instructions to Applicants are now available and can be obtained by downloading through the Port of Miami website at [www.miamidade.gov/portofmiami](http://www.miamidade.gov/portofmiami). You may also request a copy of the application package, that consists of the Instruction to Applicants and the Stevedoring Permit Questionnaire, which is available in an electronic format, by contacting Dalgis Betancourt at [Dalgis@miamidade.gov](mailto:Dalgis@miamidade.gov) or (305) 347-4841. The permit fee which is established under the Port of Miami Terminal Tariff No. 010 will be due upon approval and issuance of a permit. The term of permits issued as a result of this application process will run from the later of January 15, 2010, or the date of issuance through January 15, 2011, unless otherwise modified, rescinded or terminated by the Port.

Deadline for submission of applications (one signed original) is **Thursday, December 31, 2009, at 12:00 noon (local time), at Miami-Dade County, Port of Miami, 1015 North America Way, 2nd Floor, Miami, Florida 33132**. The failure to turn in a properly completed questionnaire, along with any other information required by this stevedore permit solicitation, by the stated deadline may result in your application being denied.