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## MIA Mover Achieves OSHA's Prestigious VPP Star Status

### **Parsons–Odebrecht Team Building Automated People Mover**

**PASADENA, CA (August 2, 2011)** – Miami International Airport's (MIA's) Automated People Mover (APM) system—the MIA Mover—has earned the nation's top safety recognition—Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star status from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This recognition will be a centerpiece of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) Safety Awareness Expo in Miami on August 4.

Under a design-build contract, the Parsons–Odebrecht Joint Venture (POJV) is constructing the MIA Mover guideway and stations as well as installing the full turnkey operating system and delivering eight state-of-the-art Crystal Mover APM vehicles. The MIA Mover is a 1.25-mile-long APM system linking the airport with its nearby multimodal rail transportation center and consolidated rental car facility, known as the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC)—Miami-Dade County's own "grand central station." The MIC is a common terminus for multicounty Tri-Rail rail-car service, in-county Metrorail heavy-rail service, and the MIA Mover. USDOT's Safety Awareness Expo will take place at the MIA Mover station inside the MIC.

According to Vergie Bain, OSHA Compliance Specialist and member of the OSHA VPP Onsite Assessment Team, OSHA's VPP has recognized companies since 1982 that have implemented effective safety and health management systems and that maintain injury and illness rates below the industrial average. VPP's highest award is Star status. The MIA Mover is Florida's first construction project and it is only the second project in OSHA's eight-state Region IV to achieve VPP Star status.

"This is outstanding recognition for MIA and our Parsons–Odebrecht JV partners, and it reflects a genuine commitment to workplace safety and health for all of our contract workers and employees," said Jose Abreu, director of Miami-Dade County's Aviation Department, which operates MIA. "We can all be very, very proud of this milestone achievement."

Collaborating for more than a decade, the POJV team has successfully managed and constructed more than \$2.2 billion worth of work. Currently, POJV also serves as the prime contractor on the North Terminal Development project at MIA, and the team completed the South Terminal reconstruction in 2007. POJV has awarded more than 150 contracts to local small businesses over the past 10 years, totaling more than \$310 million in work.

MIA Mover construction is nearing completion, and the APM system is scheduled to begin operation in early September.

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