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City Manager Emilio Gonzalez to receive the Lloyd D. Gladfelter Government Innovation Award

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(Miami, FL April 10, 2018) - Emilio T. Gonzalez, Ph. D., will receive the Lloyd D. Gladfelter Government Innovation Award at his alma mater, the University of South Florida, on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in recognition of his innovative approach to managing the Miami International Airport and the City of Miami.

“It’s an honor to receive this award from my alma mater,” said Dr. Gonzalez.

“We had great success in using technologies to improve the traveler experience at Miami International Airport. In my current role as City Manager, I continue to explore how new technologies and process innovation can improve quality of life in the City of Miami.”

The Gladfelter Award, given by the University of South Florida and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was established in 1993 in honor of its namesake, Lloyd D. Gladfelter, a distinguished journalist who spent his career reporting on government and public affairs in his home states of Wisconsin and Florida. The award recognizes outstanding government employees at the local, state, or Federal level who through a career of service or innovation have helped solve a problem for Florida residents.

As Director of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, Gonzalez introduced new technologies including the 'MIA Airport Official' app and 'APC' (Automated Passport Control). Under his leadership, Miami International Airport, working with FPL, developed the largest sustainability project in Florida history to save the airport more than \$62M in energy costs over a 15-year period.

As City Manager, Gonzalez has overseen the implementation of new processes to better serve residents and businesses in the City of Miami. The City recently introduced an Expedited Permit Process to simplify construction permitting, and is working to expand the popular Miami Trolley system.

Dr. Gonzalez graduated from the University of South Florida in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations; he also earned a Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies from Tulane University, a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations from the University of Miami. Prior to his service at the City of Miami and Miami-Dade Aviation, Gonzalez served in the U.S. Army for 26 years achieving the rank of Colonel, and served on the National Security Council staff for President George W. Bush, who subsequently appointed him Undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security for Immigration and Citizenship Services.



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