



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
November 17, 2009

**ITEM TITLE:**

Presentation by Kim Romaner, Executive Director, of Miami Dade Broadband Coalition.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The Miami-Dade Broadband Coalition (MDBC) came together through a Knight Center initiative, and has been joined by multiple government, education, health, private, and non-profit entities with presence in South Florida.

MDBC includes, but is not limited to: Miami-Dade County, City of Miami, City of Coral Gables, City of Doral, Miami-Dade Public Schools, Miami-Dade College, University of Miami, Barry University, South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association, Health Choice Network, Miami Museum of Science, Knight Center of Digital Excellence, FPI Group, FPL FiberNet, Internet Coast, Human Services Coalition, Collins Center for Public Policy, Public Interest Computer & Technology, Per Scholas, and College Summit.

The MDBC is a nonprofit corporation, and it is in the process of applying for 501(c)(3) status.

Coalition Purpose

To transform our community and close the digital divide, create jobs, increase economic opportunities, and reduce operating costs.

Coalition Mission

The Miami-Dade Broadband Coalition will build and support an advanced, open, shared, high-speed broadband network that connects diverse stakeholders in order to collaborate and pool resources to create positive community transformation in the areas of education, healthcare, economic growth, jobs creation, digital inclusion, public safety and government efficiency.

Coalition Vision

Create a connected community in Miami-Dade that advances education, economic development, individual empowerment and quality of life for all residents.

**APPROVED BY:**

| Department Director | City Attorney (If Applicable) | City Manager |
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**ATTACHMENT(S):**