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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 23, 2014

TO:

Susan Friend, Director, Accounting Division

Finance and Administrative Services Department

FROM:

Steven M. Cernak

Chief Executive & Port Director

RE:

American Association of Port Authorities XXIII Latin American Congress of Ports

Puerto Iguazu, Argentina – August 25 – August 30, 2014

Attached please find a travel request for Glenn Wiltshire, Deputy Port Director, or an alternate designated by the Port Director, to travel to participate in the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) XXIII Latin American Congress of Ports in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina from August 25 – August 30, 2014. Board approval is required since there is a registration fee to participate and also because the event requires international travel.

This AAPA event will be attended by executives from ports throughout Latin America as well as senior government officials and shipping interests from those countries. The theme of this year's event is "The Pivotal Role of Latin American Ports in the Integration of the Hemisphere and Regional Development." Latin America is the primary trading market for Port Everglades and participation in the event will allow us to engage directly with the governments, ports, and cargo interests that influence trading patterns.

Conference sessions will address the world economy and its impact on international port business, the role of Argentinian ports in the integration with Latin America and the world; the vision of Latin American ports in hemispheric and global integration and strategies for Latin American ports for environmental sustainability. The conference sessions and related events provide an ideal opportunity to network with counterparts from numerous Latin American ports, shipping lines, and shippers that move cargo through Port Everglades.

Total estimated costs for travel, hotel, per diem, and registration for Port staff are \$3,273 and will be paid with Port Everglades travel funds from Object 4000. Please process this request for approval by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on the June 10, 2014 agenda.

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Attachment