



## **RALPH CUTIÉ**

### **Assistant Director, Facilities Management and Engineering**



As Assistant Director for Facilities Management and Engineering, Ralph Cutié oversees the largest and most diverse division within the Aviation Department, comprised of more than 440 employees, an annual operating budget of nearly \$123 million and a reserve maintenance budget of \$30 million. Mr. Cutié's division is grouped into four distinct areas: facilities maintenance planning, engineering and construction (FMPEC); facilities maintenance and utilities; terminal maintenance; and general aviation (GA) airports maintenance.

The division provides maintenance services as well as utilities, public works and cargo area support to MIA and the County's four GA airports. They also respond to emergencies and critical issues that require engineering expertise, and are responsible for all in-house maintenance-related engineering, architecture, construction and interior design projects. Mr. Cutié's responsibilities include hurricane planning and coordination, construction, project management, estimates, life safety/OSHA compliance, divisional budget/cost controls, facility management, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, including computer design applications. He also works closely with cities and municipalities adjacent to airport properties.

Mr. Cutié is a 27-year County veteran with more than 29 years' experience in the fields of project control, critical path method (CPM) scheduling, project management, construction contracting and construction claims administration. He began his County career in 1990 with the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Department as a Cost and Scheduling Specialist, later advancing to Manager of MDT's Engineering Cost and Scheduling Section, and ultimately, to Chief of MDT's Project Control Division. Mr. Cutié worked extensively in various capacities on numerous MDT projects of significance, including the \$248 million Metromover Extension Project, the \$88 million Metrorail Extension to the Palmetto Expressway and the \$106 million Busway Extension to Florida City. In 2006, Mr. Cutié transitioned to the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI), where he served as the Manager of Project Scheduling and Compliance for the County's \$2.9 billion Building Better Communities – General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) Program, and where he also managed the County's successful Economic Stimulus Plan (ESP), Miscellaneous Construction Contract (MCC) and Construction Manager (CM) Training programs. In 2011, subsequent to OCI's consolidation into the newly-established Internal Services Department (ISD), Mr. Cutié served as Manager of Project Scheduling and Compliance in ISD's Design and Construction Services Division, where he was involved in numerous large ISD projects while continuing to manage the County's ESP, MCC and CM Training programs. Also, during his tenure at OCI and ISD, Mr. Cutié collaborated with the County Attorney's Office and the County's various capital departments to develop the Standard Construction Contract, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in November 2012 as the standard for all non-MCC construction projects countywide. Mr. Cutié has also served as the County's corporate representative during the resolution of various construction claims and as a hearing officer for numerous construction disputes.

Mr. Cutié obtained his degree in construction management from Florida International University in 1989. He possesses numerous certificates in scheduling, project management design-build and claims administration from the National Transit Institute and served as an instructor in the County's Construction Manager Training Program - specifically in the areas of project scheduling, project documentation and construction claims and disputes.

He is married with three children and lives in southwest Miami-Dade.