



The Deep Dredge



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Closest Port to Panama**

**BIGGER SHIPS BRING
BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES.**



DEEP DREDGE CAMPAIGN... THE RULES

- ***KEEP IT SIMPLE***
- ***IT IS ALL ABOUT THEM***
- ***REPEAT...REPEAT...REPEAT...***

MR. PRESIDENT

**DEEP DREDGE =
33,000 NEW JOBS**

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Port of Miami
Currents



Cruise Side



Welcomes Equinox!

County Manager George M. Burgess joins other Miami-Dade County officials in welcoming the Celebrity Equinox to the Port of Miami on November 15. The upscale and widely acclaimed Solistw-Celestis ship is the newest member of the Port's distinguished fleet. The 2,000-passenger vessel offers alternating seven-night Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries.

CMA CGM Don Carlos Makes History at Port of Miami

The CMA-CCM Don Carlos, an 8,500 TEU vessel, made history last month as the largest cargo ship to its kind to call on a Florida port when it arrived at the Port of Miami's South Florida Container Terminal. The Super Post-Panamax vessel is an example of the new generation of ships that require deeper drafts when fully loaded. The Port of Miami is gearing up to handle such vessels, which will begin transiting an expanded Panama Canal in 2014. Accommodating these vessels is essential if the Port is to meet its ambitious goal of doubling cargo traffic over the next decade.

[More on the Don Carlos](#) [Photo Gallery](#)

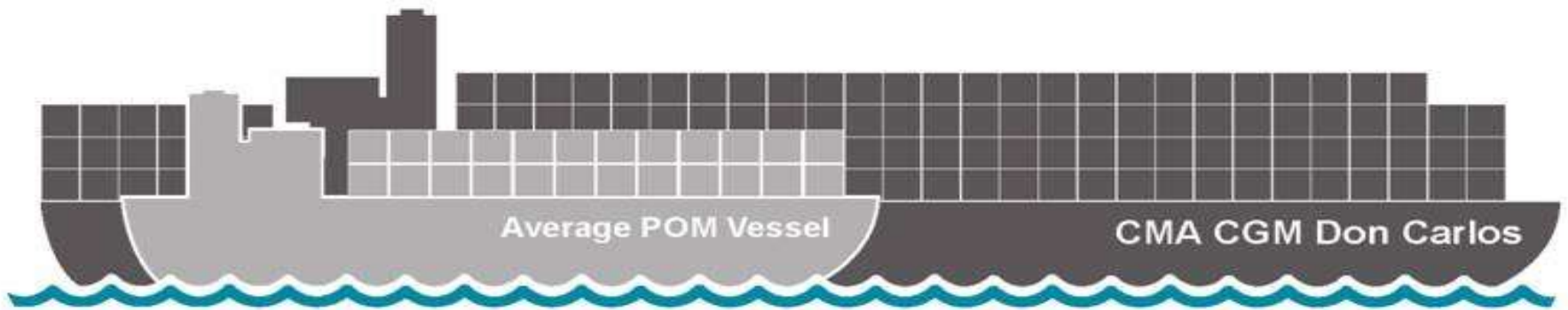


To get ready for the expanded Panama Canal, the Port of Miami is undertaking \$2 billion in infrastructure improvements including deepening our waters to -50 feet, constructing a new port tunnel for improved Interstate access and re-establishing nationally-linked freight rail. New generations of container cargo ships, such as the CMA CGM Don Carlos, are just the beginning. And, when the expanded Panama Canal opens in 2014, the Port of Miami will be ready.



Why is the Port of Miami building a tunnel, bringing back rail, deepening its waters?

Ships like the *Don Carlos*!



**The Global Shipping Line CMA CGM Invites you to join
Mayor Carlos Alvarez and Port of Miami officials
for a sneak preview into the future of world trade.**

**The largest container ship ever to visit the Florida Coast is coming to
the Port of Miami. Help us welcome the mega-vessel,
the *CMA CGM Don Carlos*, the first ship of-its-kind to berth here.
The super-sized vessel represents the future of international trade.**

See it! See the future!



ROLL CALL

Dear Mr. President:

The Port of Miami is authorized by Congress to dredge to **-50 feet**. This new depth is needed to berth the new breed of super-sized cargo vessels that will traverse an expanded Panama Canal in 2014.

With even **one dollar** in your 2012 budget, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can complete this critical dredging project on schedule.

Completion of the Port of Miami Deep Dredge will allow cargo to double, create **33,000 new jobs**, and increase trade critical to the nation's economic recovery.

Global shippers, labor leaders, and elected officials agree: **BIGGER SHIPS BRING BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES.**

Please include the **Port of Miami Deep Dredge** in your budget.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Bill Johnson
Port Director

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 23, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC, 20500

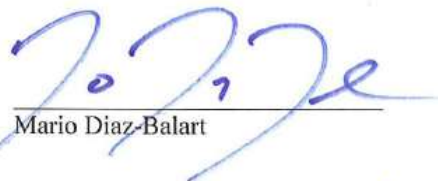
Dear Mr. President,

To assure that the project remains on its critical path for completion coinciding with the opening of the expanded Panama Canal in 2014, the Port of Miami is committed to work with its state and local partners to front the federal share of the total project cost. We are seeking your support of this initiative, by including a nominal amount of \$100,000 - \$500,000 in construction funds in the FY 2012 budget.

The Port of Miami, the largest container port in Florida and the 11th largest in the nation, is a vital contributor to the local, state and national economies, accounting for 176,000 high-paying jobs and \$18 billion in economic impact annually. As the closest major U. S. port to the Panama Canal, the Port of Miami is positioned as the first port of call for the next generation of fully-laden post-Panamax vessels that will transit the expanded Panama Canal beginning in 2014. It is also the only port south of Norfolk, VA with an authorized -50 foot depth which is "ready to go" and can be completed by 2014.

We respectfully request, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, that you consider the immediate and long term benefits to Florida and the nation of the Miami deep dredge project. Thank you for your consideration of an FY 2012 budget allocation, however nominal, in order to assure timely completion of this important national project.

Sincerely,



Mario Diaz-Balart



Kendrick Meek



Lincoln Diaz-Balart

OPINION

JOHN S. KNIGHT (1994-1998)

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THE READERS' FORUM

Miami's port needs millions for dredging

South Florida is sending an SOS to the White House. The Port of Miami needs the Deep Dredge. And the clock is ticking.

A broad-based coalition of business and civic leaders have put the project to deepen the port's waters to 50 feet at the top of Miami-Dade County's priority list for infrastructure investments.

The Deep Dredge is needed to accommodate the new gener-

ation of cargo ships that will pass through an expanded Panama Canal beginning in 2014.

Enabling the much-larger vessels to offload at our port is critical in ensuring our competitiveness and enabling the Port of Miami to double its cargo traffic over the next decade.

Most important, the Deep Dredge translates into new, well-paying, permanent jobs for our community. Economic impact

studies show up to 33,000 jobs would be created statewide due to increased international trade and commerce if Miami is able to capitalize on its locale as the closest East Coast port to the canal.

President Obama is visiting South Florida Oct. 11. We need to send a clear message: South Florida's business and civic leaders do not agree on everything, but this is a project that has broad

support from all sectors of our community.

We are asking for an investment of \$75 million in federal matching funds to move the project forward. Time is running out. Dredging must begin next year if we are to meet the 2014 deadline.

Mr. President: We need the Deep Dredge.

• CARLOS ALVAREZ, mayor, Miami-Dade County, Miami

Welcome Governor-Elect Scott



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Posted on Tue, Dec. 07, 2010

Editorial

Dredge, baby, dredge!

If President Obama wants to deliver a real stimulus to South Florida and create thousands more jobs for Main Street, he can include \$75 million in the federal budget to dredge the Port of Miami so that bigger cargo ships can unload here. If Gov.-elect Rick Scott wants to stay true to his promise of getting people back to work in Florida, there are 33,000 reasons for Miami's dredging project that he should focus on when he visits the port Wednesday.

That's the number of jobs a 50-foot-deep port would create statewide. And when the new Congress gets all worked up about earmarks, a bipartisan coalition of Florida politicians should stand up and chant, "Dredge, baby, dredge!" because this project is no bridge to nowhere.

Op-Ed

Missing link: U.S. nod to deeper port

BY BILL JOHNSON

It is often said that, ``Nothing is more expensive than missed opportunity."

A rare opportunity is at hand to create thousands of new jobs -- well-paying and permanent jobs that would benefit this community in ways we have not seen since Henry Flagler brought his railway here almost a century ago.

The Port of Miami must join the ranks of what will be a new breed of deep-water hub ports that can accommodate the new generation of larger vessels that require 50-foot depths. The super-sized vessels will begin traversing an expanded Panama Canal in 2014 with container capacities double the size of the average containerized ships now calling on our port.





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