

The Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) respectfully submits the nomination of Dr. Anthony D. Machado to fill an open position on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. As the Director for E-Rate Management in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, we believe he will be an excellent representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts. This nomination is in response to the Public Notice released by the Federal Communications Commission (DA 12-1469) on September 13, 2012.

In this Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) seeks nominations for two school-specific Board member positions that are currently vacant or will soon be vacant. Dr. Machado has been an employee of the Miami school system since January of 1997, and has been involved with the E-Rate program since its inception, initially as the district's Director of Telecommunications. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is the fourth largest school system in the nation and as a countywide district includes 435 schools in both the inner-city and a broader surrounding area. The district enrolls almost 350,000 students, of which approximately 90% are minority, over 60% are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch, and almost 20% are English Language Learners.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been a leader among urban schools in modernizing the classroom and using technology tools to deliver content-rich information to students and teachers. The district's vision for information technology recognizes that all learners, as well as those supporting the learning process, are consumers of technology. The district is continually working to ensure that students not only have technology access, but can use technology to communicate, collaborate, construct knowledge, and prepare themselves for college and careers after secondary school. Miami has also undertaken many of the same initiatives supported by the Commission, including the current development of a "wireless high school" where students will be able to access information instantly and without boundaries.

Miami's strategic plan for IT is a responsible and measured approach to the substantial and complex path forward in terms of school district technology. The Universal Service Fund, through the E-Rate program, has been a major component in the district's modernization to date, and will continue to play a substantial role in moving the district ahead. Another significant component of Miami's past and future success is Dr. Machado. His level of expertise, both in the field of telecommunications and the constantly-evolving E-Rate program, has helped the district navigate the complex rules and requirements associated with the program. Miami has been able to leverage available E-Rate resources very successfully under Dr. Machado's leadership and tenure. As a result, the district has enhanced its ability to serve the very students the Telecommunications Act intended to benefit.

In addition to the benefits that students in Miami have gained due to Dr. Machado, there have been dozens of instances where his guidance has been invaluable nationwide. He is an active member in our organization, which assists 67 urban school districts through the country. Dr. Machado always participates in the conference calls, seminars, and technical assistance sessions that we host for urban districts, and his experience with the program has helped provide insight and expertise to districts that have questions, encounter administrative obstacles, or simply have a new E-Rate employee that needs assistance to be brought up to speed.

Furthermore, Dr. Machado has represented both Miami and urban schools in CGCS at dozens of meetings with the Commission, USAC, and congressional staff over the years. His contributions in these sessions, as well as in regulatory filings to the Commission, are always of the utmost professional nature, and he excels in offering common-sense solutions based on his history as an applicant and his knowledge of school district operations. Despite dealing with the burdens and delays that large applicants often associate with the E-Rate, he remains a firm believer in the goals of the E-Rate program, and the benefits of using technology to enhance education. His presence on the USAC Board of Directors would be a major asset to the program as it works to reconcile an increasing technology presence in schools with a limited amount of available funding.

While our nomination of Dr. Machado to the USAC Board is based on the E-Rate work we have witnessed in the Miami school system and within our membership, his employment history also includes a 30-year career with BellSouth Corporation. He served in various capacities at BellSouth, including Service Manager in charge of all local government and schools accounts. This position required a high level of knowledge in the field of telecommunications, as well as a broad expertise in administrative process and contracts. In his time both at BellSouth and the Miami schools, Dr. Machado always approaches his work with a customer-friendly attitude and a willingness to work collaboratively to solve problems.

In addition to his successful professional career and a busy personal life as a father and husband of more than 40 years, Dr. Machado is an outstanding example of a motivated lifelong learner. He attended night school at Florida International University, obtaining a Doctorate degree in Adult Education and Human Resource Development. Dr. Machado also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors at Florida National College over a span of twelve years. Under his leadership, this private and prestigious local college evolved in capacity and was eventually elevated to university status. Florida National University receives full accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, emphasizing the advancement of modern technology while offering a myriad of programs including the Arts, Business, Communication, Computer Science and IT, Education and Teaching, as well as a growing College of Health, Medical Services and Nursing.

Dr. Anthony D. Machado will serve honorably if selected to the USAC Board of Directors, and will dedicate himself to support and strengthen the important objectives of the Universal Service Fund. He has the full support of the Superintendent of Schools, the Chief Information Officer, and the School Board of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools to participate in the USAC activities. And he has the strongest endorsement from the Council of the Great City Schools for the open position on the USAC Board of Directors.

As required in the Notice, a résumé is also included for further review by the Wireline Competition Bureau. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Manish Naik on my staff, if you would like any additional information. You may also contact Dr. Machado directly at (305) 995-3433 or via e-mail (tmachado@dadeschools.net). Thank you for your consideration of this worthy nominee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Casserly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 01/97 – Present **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Employee Number 224033)
Serving as Director II / E-Rate Management, (M-DCPS) Miami-Dade County Public Schools (fourth largest district nationwide). Other concurrent assignments have included various responsibilities within the Communications Department; specifically, Director of Communications Services; Telecom Analyst; and Project Management.
- 12/66 – 12-96 **AT&T / BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
RETIRED after 30-year telecommunications career, including assignments as Dedicated Service Manager, NETWORK Department, to the M-DCPS account as well as all Dade County Government accounts, including the 911 Network.
- The 30-year career included assignments within AT&T, Chesapeake & Potomac Tel & Tel in Washington, DC, Southern Bell Tel & Tel, Miami, FL, and BellSouth companies.
- Multiple **BUSINESS TRAINING**. Specifically, among others, extensive technical training in the field of Telephone & Telecommunications; Quality of Work Life (QWL) training; Time Management; High Performance Living; Excellence Through Teamwork; Managing in a Competitive Environment; Supervisory Relations; Participative Leadership; Excellence in Leadership; Investment in Excellence; Counselor Relations; Managing Interpersonal Relationships; Labor Relations; Affirmative Action.

OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

- (1992 – 2005) **CHAIRMAN of The Board of Governors, Florida National College**, Miami, Florida
(2012 – present) **CHAIRMAN of The Board of Governors, Florida National University**, Miami, FL.
Non-Profit Division.
- (1994 – 1996) **9-1-1 NENA (National Emergency Number Association) Florida Chapter Vice President**
- (1993 – 1996) **9-1-1 APCO (Associated Public-Safety Communications Officers) Member**, Florida Chapter
- Lifetime **Member of Phi Kappa Phi**, National Honor Society, FIU Chapter, Miami, Florida
- Lifetime **Member of Phi Delta Kappa**, Honor Society, FIU Chapter, Miami, Florida

EDUCATION

- FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, Florida**
Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resources Development Degree conferred in May 1994. Honors Graduate. Academic Excellence Award.
- FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, Florida**
Master of Education in Adult Education. Degree conferred in May 1991.
Honors Graduate. Academic Excellence Award.
- FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, Florida**
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Degree conferred in May 1977. Honors Graduate.
- MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Miami, Florida**
Associate of Arts in Psychology. Degree conferred in June 1973
- Miami Senior High School, Miami, Florida**
High School diploma conferred in June 1966

SPECIAL SKILLS

Fully Bilingual in English and Spanish; Computer Literate.