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- Market Influence
- Broker Partnering and Support
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- International
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- Housing Opportunities (and “Home Ownership for all”)
- Professional Development
- Communication, Collaboration and Engagement
- Member Profitability
- Partnerships
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RCA MIAMI Board of Governors

RCA MIAMI is dedicated to leadership in the commercial industry, the real estate profession, and the communities they serve. RCA MIAMI impacts key policy decisions and important issues affecting the commercial industry, analyzes information, has strong legislative initiatives, provides important member services and presents commercial events and programming throughout the year. With over 1,500 members, it is the largest commercial REALTOR® association in Florida and one of the largest in the nation - and offers more education, marketing tools and services than any other. RCA Miami received the first RCA Accreditation from the National Association of REALTORS®. Their 2012 Priorities are:

- Education
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- Strengthen Commercial Partnerships
- Government Affairs
- Member Recruitment
- Creating a Referral Network
- Commercial International
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The Residential Board of Governors and the Broward Board of Governors are the association’s think tank, brain trust and expert resource for their respective markets.

They are MIAMI’s eyes and ears in the residential real estate market. The Governors identify and monitor threats, opportunities and solutions based on the issues and challenges facing MIAMI members on a day-to-day basis. The BOGs make decisions relative to how the association can be an integral part of our member’s business and professional solution.

Residential Priorities:
- SUPRA – The New Standard
- MLS
- Recruitment & Retention
- Marketing Tools
- Housing Opportunities
- Standards & Professionalism
- Communication, Collaboration & Engagement
- Media Coverage
- International
- Professional Development

Residential Board of Governors 2012

For many years MIAMI members have been asking the association to figure out a way to make SUPRA part of the services included with their MLS & Local dues. It was a challenge that was met by the 2011 MIAMI Leaders – on August 25, 2011 MIAMI announced all members would GET SUPRA FREE! MIAMI became one of very few associations across to the nation to offer its members this Premium Service included with membership. The 2011 Leadership of the Residential as well as the Broward Board of Governors has made SUPRA one of its priorities for the year.

SUPRA now becomes The New Standard for MLS listings and showings – sellers and buyers benefit from the use of SUPRA electronic lockboxes and the marketplace benefits with safety, security and greater access to the inventory of properties, including distressed listings. For more information on SUPRA – The New Standard, see back cover.
The BOGs identify, customize and implement the very best leading edge products, services and programs to benefit MIAMI members and increase their business and profitability. MIAMI will deliver more than one thousand programs, classes and seminars in 2012 — the topics, content and focus of these programs are a direct result of the input from the Boards of Governors and our members. The Residential and Broward Boards of Governors are MIAMI’s primary knowledge center for the South Florida real estate industry and profession.

Broward Priorities:
- SUPRA
- The New Standard
- MLS
- Recruitment & Retention
- Marketing Tools
- Housing Opportunities
- Standards & Professionalism

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REALTOR® of the Year and Distinguished Leadership Award

Peter Zalewski
Market Advisor of the Year

Neal Litman
Attorney of the Year

Lynda Fernandez
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Tony Montero
Montero Design, Inc.
Designer of the Year

Karl Eckhart
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RCA Commercial

John Dohm
Commercial REALTOR® of the Year

Michael Silver
Industry Advocate of the Year

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Commercial Educator of the Year

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Product of the Year

Previsite
Marketing Resource of the Year

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Henry Ensler
Residential Educator of the Year

Maggie A. Buck
Residential Volunteer of the Year

Total Bank
Corporate & Professional Affiliate of the Year

Israel V. Ameijeiras
Broward Council Educator of the Year

The Decorators Unlimited & Jason Lynn
Broward Council Corporate & Professional Affiliate of the Year

Total Wine
Host Location of the Year

Residential & Commercial

Total Bank
Corporate & Professional Affiliate of the Year

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Celebrate

2012 Installation & Awards Celebration
February 3, 2012
The Ballroom at Jungle Island
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An Afternoon of Celebration
2:00 – 6:30pm

2:00pm Reception
3:00pm Installation & Awards
3:30pm Chef’s Stations Throughout the Ballroom
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Together We Are Better!
In the year following the historic merger, we have certainly lived up to the merger motto – “Together We Are Better!” MIAMI has provided South Florida Realtors with the most comprehensive and leading-edge marketing tools, services, education, resources, and advocacy to enhance their professionalism, success and profitability. The merger further strengthened the South Florida real estate market’s position as a world-class destination and expanded international opportunities, creating stronger demand for local properties.

Membership Count
MIAMI, larger than 39 state Realtor associations, continues to grow after the merger, as new and transferring agents take advantage of the association’s premier benefits. Since the merger MIAMI has grown to more than 25,600 members, including 6,000-plus in Broward County. The number of commercial members has increased by 15 percent.

Increased Member Savings & Benefits
The merger benefitted all – members, consumers, the market, and the local business community. Members, in particular, received increased services along with savings in the form of merger credits applicable to dues billing. Members received $2.2 million in merger credits in the first annual billings after the merger.

“It’s all about the Members”
The merger created the ideal business environment for Realtors in South Florida. Since the merger MIAMI Leaders – Corporate, Residential, Commercial, and Broward boards – remained focused on member needs at each of their meetings as the recurring theme became “It’s all about the members!” MIAMI offers members more than $31,000 in free premium tools and services. The association is committed to contracting for the best and most relevant tools and services available to enhance the business and opportunities of all members – at little or no cost.

The “year after” brought major cost savings and new services to all MIAMI members including access to 3 Premium Tax Services, IMAPP, Realist and RPR as well as TerraflyPro for REALTORS® and their websites. With the importance of international marketing to our members, major upgrades were added to create ProxioProProfessional which connects our members to 400,000 real estate professionals in 113 countries and is still offered free to all members. Moby was added to the list of services to help keep our MIAMI members safe, while Scout for SafeMLS added new security to the MIAMI MLS and was expanded to create the new MIAMI Gateway – one click access to premium services.

Social media opportunities were increased for all MIAMI members with the launch of Previsite automatically converting MIAMI listings to videos on YouTube, tweets for Twitter and posting to a special Facebook page. As a holiday gift, MIAMI members all received SocialKandy free to enhance all their business Facebook pages with the MIAMI listings and more.

Broward Expansion
Following the merger, MIAMI increased its presence in Broward County, growing membership in Broward from 4,700 to more than 6,000 and still growing. MIAMI has two locations in Broward, one in Plantation and recently announced office in East Broward at the DCOTA office complex in Dania.

In August 2010, the REALTOR® Association of Greater Miami and the Beaches (RAMB) and the REALTOR® Association of Miami-Dade County (RAMDC) came together to form one organization. The “Miracle Merger,” the largest and fastest in the 100-year history of the National Association of Realtors, has greatly benefited the members, the real estate industry and local economy, and the buying and selling public. At the time of the merger, the newly formed MIAMI Association of REALTORS® (MIAMI) had 23,000 members, making it the largest local REALTOR® association in the nation. Three months later MIAMI merged with the Northwestern Association of REALTORS®, increasing membership to 23,600 and marking the first time since the 1930’s that REALTORS® in Miami-Dade County were united under one organization.
Serving Members at 6 Locations in Miami-Dade & Broward

MIAMI has six locations to serve members throughout South Florida:

MIAMI HQ • Coral Gables • Northwestern Dade
MIAMI North • Plantation • New - East Broward

The merger brought renovations and improvements to most MIAMI Locations. The MIAMI REALTORS® Coral Gables Headquarters, which was completely renovated, now features a 90-seat conference center, 25-seat Computer Technology Learning Center, and state of the art facilities for members and executives. The Northwestern Dade location experienced a total exterior redesign, creating consistent branding with the other locations and resulting in a beautiful landmark building. The MIAMI North office was expanded to accommodate a 90-seat conference center and computer lab with capacity for 23. At MIAMI HQ, we continued enhancements to the state-of-the-art center of activity, which features a conference center with capacity for 130 members, a 25-seat computer lab, and a boardroom for meetings, hearings, and receptions.

Professional Development

As the Educated Choice, MIAMI is dedicated to providing its members with access to premier professional development, including over 800 seminars, events, and certification and designation courses annually. More than 15,000 MIAMI members attended 439 free seminars in the year after the merger, while 10,000 participated in 222 paid seminars. More than 75 seminars were presented in Broward County to approximately 3,000 members. And 1,750 members attended more than 35 commercial classes, workshop, seminars and networking events. More than 1,000 are planned for 2012.

International Council & Referral Network

A shining achievement among MIAMI’s distinguished past was the creation of MIAMI’s International Council and International Referral Network in 1996. The Council is the largest and most successful local council in the world, boasting more than 100 partnerships globally! Since the merger, MIAMI has signed agreements with associations in Portugal, India, Costa Rica, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. MIAMI has also participated at expos and conferences throughout the world – including France, Russia, Spain, India, Cyprus, and Brazil – promoting our market and members. See page 24 for more information on MIAMI’s International Council and global business opportunities. See insert for list of MIAMI Global Partners.

Award-winning Int’l Real Estate Congress & Expo

Also in 1996, MIAMI and the Council launched the award-winning Miami International Real Estate Congress, which has drawn hundreds of foreign participants who establish relationships and do business with MIAMI members who also specialize in international real estate business. The 2011 Congress was an overwhelming success, attracting delegations from partner associations in Brazil, Bulgaria, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Russia, and Venezuela and more than 200 U.S. and local REALTORS®.

Global Media Exposure & Market Influence

Since the merger, MIAMI has achieved unprecedented worldwide media coverage for the association, the members, and the South Florida market, generating important global exposure for our market and increased business opportunities for South Florida REALTORS®. See page 14 for more on South Florida real estate market and global news coverage.

Community & Private Property Advocate

MIAMI, known as The Voice for Real Estate, vigorously advocates for private property rights benefiting MIAMI members, property owners, and the local communities at large. Coming together as one association provides greater leverage in government affairs involvement and issues, including property taxes, mortgage interest deduction, property insurance, and short sales.

We look forward to further exceeding expectations in 2012!
**FACT:** Condos represent more than 57% of residential sales in South Florida.

MyCondoPlans provides the single most extensive database for condo floor plans, building plans, and site plans with the first and only Automated Valuation System available for the Miami-Dade and Broward condo markets. With real-time market-to-market pricing integrated with the MLS, detailed unit floor plans, and unsurpassed market coverage, MyCondoPlans is one of the most comprehensive resources for the Miami real estate professional. The service is FREE — Downloadable Floor Plans are available on a subscription basis or by demand.*

Get started today — It’s easy as 1 – 2 – 3
1. Once inside MiXchange, click on SmartLinks
2. Click on MyCondoPlans and get registered with a username, password & email
3. Start using MyCondoPlans!

**Now available for your personal website – MyCondoPlans Pro**

Consumers can now search for Condos on your website and YOU are the point of contact.

To embed the consumer search on your website, click on Pro in your account and follow the instructions.

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**FACT:** Not All MLSs are the same

Choose the MLS that offers more: MIAMI

When a REALTOR® is hired to sell a property or to help a buyer find a property, information, images, and property tours found in the MLS tell real estate agents about the properties and offer of compensation to sell them. But the MLS is only the entry point in gaining exposure and information on the internet when trying to sell or buy a property. Not all REALTORS® and not all MLSs have the marketing tools available to maximize the exposure of the properties listed in the MLS. In fact, MIAMI Members have more than 43 *Premium Marketing Tools* that work directly with the MLS and distribute the information all over the world. These 43 *Premium Marketing Tools* are only a portion of the More Than 70 Ways To Thrive in Today’s Market that MIAMI Members receive — over $31,000 in MIAMI’s *Premium Marketing Tools* are FREE. MIAMI’s Premium Marketing Tools are just the tip of the iceberg...learning how to maximize their usage is a key component for any successful real estate marketing and business plan. Be sure to check the calendar on MiamiRe.com for the dates and times of classes near you.

**Remember: Not all MLSs are the same!**

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**1. MLXchange**: User friendly, flexible and easy-to-use search features and best in the business customer service and training

**2. MLX Pro**: Web site with real time IDX, calls you, emails & adds clients, every client gets a web site

**3. Fusion MLS**: Allows users to access the MLS system from any Internet browser, including Safari, Firefox and Google Chrome. MLXchange and Fusion are running simultaneously off of a common database.

**4. Data Co-op**: A new way to access listings locally and in select markets across the nation - agent-to-agent information you need on the market, listings, neighborhood, and more

**5. MLS Stats Pro**: Statistics on every search including Market analysis, inventory report, price analysis, days on market, high-low comparison

**6. Kurio**: Mobile MLS service - Instant access to listing information, search for data, photos, email directly to clients - all from your cell phone/PDA, anywhere

**7. Kurio for Consumers**: Providing even MORE exposure for your listings! Buyers can search active listings, open houses, & nearby homes from their mobile device

**8. iMAPP**: Tax, interactive plat maps, aerials, MLS, labels in seconds and Foreclosure Search

**9. iMobile**: MLS & Tax, Photos, Plat Maps, Aerials and more! All on your cell phone or PDA

**10. Realist**: Tax, advanced mapping capabilities, professional reports & more

**11. RPR: REALTORS®: Property Resource - Online real estate archive with data on every property in U.S. - Dynamite reports & more**

**12. RPR for Brokers: REALTORS®: Property Resource branded for Brokerages with unbelievable reports**

**13. RPR Mobile**: Instant access to REALTORS® Property Resource on your mobile device and smartphones

**14. ShowingAssist**: Streamline scheduling, eliminate phone tag, generate more showings - new phone notification and 1 button connect

**15. ShowingTime Mobile**: ShowingTime now available on Kurio - your MLS solution on iPhones, Androids, Blackberrys & other smartphones plus the iPad

**16. iCHECK**: Auto notifies of your expiring listings, cleans up MLS data for everyone, notifies you to correct errors & avoid fines

**17. MIAMI Gateway: Single Sign On (SSO) — one sign on does it all at MIAMI with access to MLS & Services plus SCOUT - Retreive Keypstone security system to ensure the integrity of the MLS**

**18. MyCondoPlans: MLS integrated condo floorplans, key plans, views, building info, market info, recent sales, S/SF, projected valuation & more (subscription service available for download of floorplans – all else FREE)**

**19. MyCondoPlans Pro: MyCondoPlans Search widget now on your website - FREE**

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**20. Surfina Residential Insurance Quotes**: One click Estimated Insurance rates for RE1 & RE2 in 11 different languages – also provides Inspection & Binder Quote

**21. Property Panorama**: Slideshow auto upload from MLS - Minimum 3 photos – FREE – Coming Soon!

**22. Real Biz 360**: hi-def virtual tours w/zoom-in capabilities - integrated into MLS $2/our

**23. Neyer**: single listing websites, mobile site, QR code, toll-free number, syndication & more

**24. AnnounceMyListing**: Viral marketing online announcements for your customers - integrated w/MLS

**25. AnnounceMyMove**: Viral marketing online announcements for your customers - integrated w/MLS

**26. Point2**: Syndication: Listing Management - Auto distribution of your listings to 300+ websites and great free reports

**27. ListHub Syndication**: Listing Management - Brokers send your listings to over 300 top listing channels -

**28. Premium TerraFly**: Satellite Images, Schools, Tax, Census, Environmental - integrate into your website

**29. TerraFly Pro**: “Probable Deals and Possible Steals”, Satellite Images, Schools, Tax, Census Data, Environmental

**30. CMA Plus**: THE best print & email “market value presentation” features data & photos from MLS & Tax

**31. ProxioPro Professional**: 19 Language IDX, International MLS & Website Solution, Resume & Virtual Int’l Professional

**32. WorldProperties.com**: Your listings automatically sent to WorldProperties.com translated to 19 languages, listings from 52 countries, TCR, country profiles & more

**33. ListingBook**: connects agents and their customers through MLS - automates, tracks and analyzes customer activities

**34. Previsite for Facebook**: Promotes MIAMI Listings to the World through Social Media - converts listings to Movie-mode

**35. Previsite for YouTube**: Promotes MIAMI Listings to the World through Social Media – converts listings to videos

**36. Previsite for Twitter**: Promotes MIAMI Listings to the World through Social Media – converts respond to Tweets

**37. Showcase Website**: Brand Yourself Website – complete with (IDX search for MLS members only), personal info, customizable links & more

**38. SocialKandy**: Promote your Listings & MIAMI MLS to the World FREE through Facebook

**39. Open House**: Public Open House feature within MLS and on Miamire.com for public search

**40. Broker Open House**: Exclusive Broker Opens with auto notification, event details & great features

**41. Free Training**: 4 Full-Time Trainers - English/Spanish - Basic & Advanced MLS, MLX Pro, iMAP, Realist, Proxio Pro, CMA Plus, Crust

**42. Toll-Free Tech Support**: 888-825-5472 Broward: 954-492-1200 M-F 8:30am – 5:00pm/PDT/ET/S-8:30am - 5:00pm

**43. SUPRA FREE**: Supra Signature Services on your smartphone now available as an MLS Service
FACT: $3.81 Billion in residential sales to international buyers in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami Beach in 2011

Get your share
ProxioPro Professional is your Global Marketing Platform and it's FREE for MIAMI Members!

- Your FREE 19 language International IDX Website
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- All FREE to MIAMI Members
- 19 Language Website - upgraded for MIAMI members .................................................. $149.00
- Full All Property Type MIAMI IDX .................................................................................... $59.00
- My Link To the World - International Listing Search (ILS) .................................................. $59.00
- Professional 19 Language Resume .................................................................................. $59.00
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Getting started today is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3
1. Go to Proxio.com/MIAMI and log-in with your license number and MIAMI as your password
2. Agree to Terms of use and click Done
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Start building your network today
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Facebook has passed Google as the most visited site on the internet
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What could be easier?  1 – 2 – 3
1. Enter your listing in MLS
2. Upload up to 25 photos (the more the better)
3. Make sure the first 140 characters of your Remarks are the strongest description of your listing

That’s it…now Previsite takes over…automatically
- Creates a move-mode slide show of your listing, including text to voice-over of your Remarks
- Creates a YouTube video of your listing (now you see why more pictures are better)
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Kurio for Consumers available on log-in screen – Give your customers Kurio for Buyers today!

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It’s the next generation MLS mobile search service that breaks the old school methods of searching for homes. Formerly known as MarketLinx MLS Wireless, the new Kurio enables REALTORS® and the general public to gather instant MLS information through the convenience of a mobile phone.

Included in your MIAMI MLS Membership, Kurio provides access to MLS data including Solds and Expireds so you can stay informed on market activities and be connected with valuable business data, even while you’re out in the field. Kurio provides the most accurate and up-to-date source of real estate listing information including property details, photos and more photos, maps and much more. More important, you can respond to your clients instantly with the information they need, when they need it.

- Works With Any Mobile device
- Stay connected to the MLS
- View Nearby Homes
- Get Instant Daily Market Updates
- Search On Market & Off Market Listings
- Instant Access to Your Own Listings
- Roster Searches
- E-Mail A Flyer
- Great way to access the MLS on your iPad & Tablets

Getting started is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3
1. Go to Kurio.mobi and choose agent Sign-in
2. Click on Not Registered
3. Verify MLS info and ID and Password – follow directions for future logins

Kurio for Consumers available on log-in screen – Give your customers Kurio for Buyers today!

ShowingTime Mobile

FACT: Home sellers get more traffic, on average, for listings that take advantage of showingtime.

ShowingTime Mobile is now fully integrated with Kurio and automates the process of coordinating showing requests between the listing agent and the showing agent — right on your mobile device. But more than that, it eliminates unnecessary phone calls, improves client service, allows for better accountability, and provides better security for the property.

ShowingTime Mobile helps listing agents respond quicker to showing agents, and it allows showing agents to respond more quickly to their buyers. As a result, home sellers get, on average, more traffic for listings that take advantage of ShowingTime Mobile.

Getting started today is Super-Easy…log into Kurio and ShowingTime Mobile is automatically available!
In 2011, the South Florida real estate market exceeded even the most optimistic expectations, outperforming the nation and recovering faster and stronger than any other market in the U.S. Heightened demand from both domestic and international buyers and investors fueled record sales that resulted in rapid absorption of excess housing inventory and rising home prices, including projections for double-digit price appreciation in 2012.

The MIAMI Association of REALTORS® strategically positions our market for continued strengthening and success through unprecedented global media exposure and strategic relationships with more than 100 worldwide partner organizations.

Record Year Fueled by Foreign Buyers
The local market has experienced robust sales activity since August 2008, while market performance throughout the U.S. remains stagnant.

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Miami is expected to set a sales record in 2011, exceeding the number of transactions that closed in 2005 at the height of the real estate boom. In 2011, the average monthly increase for sales in Miami-Dade County was 39 percent for single-family homes and 62 percent for condominiums.

International buyers and investors from worldwide markets are fueling this remarkable strengthening. South Florida is increasingly the top market in the nation for foreign buyers from traditional and emerging markets as MIAMI highlights and promotes its strategic location between Latin America and Europe, amazing weather, cultural diversity and an inviable and exciting lifestyle. Record affordability, strong rental returns, and strong foreign currencies further enhance investment opportunities.

A Lifestyle Like No Other
When consumers relocate or purchase second homes, they not only consider real estate markets but also lifestyle. Relocating corporations also seek markets that will attract quality employees. Now more than ever Miami offers an unparalleled lifestyle, including world-class shopping venues, prime restaurants offering worldwide cuisine, sporting activities and events, all types of entertainment and endless recreational options amidst a refreshing global culture. These factors will continue to attract commerce and domestic and foreign buyers to Miami unlike any other market long into the future.

Dwindling Supply
Excess housing inventory locally has been absorbed at a record pace, years faster than experts predicted, resulting in limited supply and a healthy and balanced marketplace.

According to National Association of REALTORS® Chief Economist Lawrence Yun diminishing supply in Miami will contribute to rising prices and further market strengthening. “U.S. housing starts are the lowest they have been since the end of WWII,” said Yun. “Housing shortage is very possible in the near future if low production persists.”

The inventory of residential listings in Miami-Dade County has dropped 40 percent, from 24,278 to 14,461 active listings, in the last year. Since August 2008, when sales began rising, existing housing inventory has decreased more than 66 percent, down from 43,100. The inventory of residential listings in Broward County decreased 40 percent, from 20,166 to 13,319, over the last year and 67 percent since 2008.

Rising Prices
In November, the median sales price for condominiums in Miami-Dade rose for the fourth consecutive month. The median sales price of condominiums in November increased 18 percent to $125,000. The median sales price of single-family homes remained the same at $171,300 compared to a year earlier. The average sales prices for single-family homes in Miami-Dade County increased 8.2 percent, from $300,369 in November 2010 to $324,846 in November 2011. The average sales price for condominiums increased 21.5 percent, from $193,486 in November 2010 to $226,151 last month.

Compared to November 2010, the median sales price in the Fort Lauderdale Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for condominiums rose a significant 19 percent to $75,700. Condominium median prices have consistently increased in Broward since the beginning of 2011. The median sales price for single-family homes increased 18 percent to $195,600. The average sales price for single-family homes rose 4.5 percent to $269,819 last month compared to $258,286 in November 2010. The average sales prices for condominiums increased 3.1 percent, from $114,144 to $117,651.
Fewer Distressed Sales

The percentage of distressed sales dropped significantly in 2011, as demand for bank-owned (REO) properties resulted in foreclosures selling seven times faster than they came on the market. Such demand will lessen the impact of any distressed properties that may come on the market in the future. Yun says even the significant “shadow inventory will also be absorbed when it comes on the market because buyers are waiting for them.”

In early 2011, distressed properties accounted for 68 percent of single-family and 73 percent of condominium closed sales in Miami-Dade County. By the end of the year, the distressed properties represented 56 percent of both single-family and condominium closed sales. In Broward County, distressed properties accounted for 59 percent of single-family and 60 percent of condominium closed sales in January 2011 compared to 48 percent and 49 percent respectively at the end of the year.

Global Media Exposure

The MIAMI Association of REALTORS® (miamire.com) is the central address for South Florida real estate, providing current and accurate statistics to Realtors, the media, and consumers. As the main source for local, national, and international media, MIAMI is able to promote factual and positive information about our market. Facilitating market information and statistics, creates visibility and further interest in our market, which in turn impacts home values, creates jobs, and strengthens the local economy.

This year MIAMI and the South Florida real estate market were featured in a record number of important media - including television, radio, print, and electronic - throughout the world! Positive news stories highlighted the extraordinary strengthening of the local market and impact of international buyers and investors, especially Miami’s increasing appeal for Brazilians.

Miami has emerged as the essence of globalization. News coverage of the South Florida real estate market has reached France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Italy, Russia, India, China, and many other countries in Europe, Latin America, and Asia. World-renowned media featuring MIAMI and South Florida:

- The Economist
- El Economista
- New York Times
- Wall Street Journal
- Bloomberg News
- CNN & CNN en Español
- Fox News
- CNBC Worldwide Exchange
- The Scotsman
- MSNBC
- Voice of America
- National Public Radio
- Nightly Business Report
- Realtor Magazine
- EFE (largest Spanish language press agency)
- ABC
- NBC
- CBS
- Overseas Property Professional
- BBC
- International Herald Tribune
- Fortune
- BBC
- Le Figaro
- Forbes
- The Miami Herald
- The Miami Herald International Edition

MIAMI Market Focus

MIAMI produces and emails the Miami and Broward Market Focus reports to members on the first business day of each month. The Market Focus features all news releases distributed to the media on a monthly basis, including existing homes sales, pending home sales, quarterly sales, and other pertinent market information. It also provides related news coverage, research, and media opportunities.

Lynda Fernandez, senior vice president of public relations, is responsible for media relations, market research, the Market Focus reports, and statistics for the MIAMI Association of REALTORS® and has been instrumental in making MIAMI the main source for information on South Florida real estate. Contact - Lynda@miamire.com.

Market Focus Archives
www.miamire.com/miami-market-focus

News Media on Miamire.com
Major Membership Growth in Broward

Miami membership doesn’t stop at our county lines. In fact, our largest growth in the past year has been in Broward County. From Dec 2010 – Dec 2011, MIAMI membership in Broward has increased from 4,700 to over 6,000 members... and we’re still growing! We’re proud to say that our presence is strong across Broward, from Hallandale Beach and Miramar in the South to Coral Springs and Deerfield Beach in the North, our membership covers the county.

Did You Know?
Unlike in Miami-Dade County, in Broward, there is no relation between the folio number and the Geo Area code. You can always check the Area Codes maps on the “Help” section of MLXchange.

Not a MIAMI Member?
What are you Waiting for?

There’s a reason why the Broward Council of the MIAMI Association of REALTORS® is the fastest growing REALTOR® organization in the State of Florida with over 6,000 agents. This growth has empowered our members with an unparalleled competitive advantage at listing presentations, and our selection of exclusive and superior marketing tools has resulted in increased sales. Find out why many of your peers have joined the fastest growing REALTOR® Association in the nation.

Take a Class, Attend an Event
With our membership in Broward continuing to grow, so does the demand for top-notch education training (something MIAMI is internationally-known for). Last year, thousands members and non-members attended one of our courses and events held in Broward. And with the upcoming opening of our new East Broward facility, that number is expected to soar! Some 2011 member-favorites included: “Doing Business With Venezuela, Certified International Property Specialist, Certified Distressed Property Expert, Lunch and Learn, and our Business After Hours, which are typically held at top venues around Broward. So keep your eye on out for an event or course taking place near you.

What’s the Broward Council of the Miami Association of REALTORS®?
Those of us in South Florida know there are differences between Miami-Dade and Broward County, so to ensure Broward agents are represented, the Broward Council of the Miami Association of REALTORS® was established. This ‘Broward arm’ of MIAMI has its own Broward Board of Governors and staff to focus on the distinct issues, needs and challenges of Broward real estate professionals.

Broward Council Professionals From Left to Right:
Bill Cole, Danielle Y. Clermont, Jason Aybar, Claudia Callegari, Marsha Wooldridge, Ro Ozdemirci, Cassandra Bersach, Justin Carinci
Welcome to the Broward East

As promised to our more than 6,000 members in Broward County, we finally have a new east location in addition to our Plantation office! Conveniently located in DCOTA (Design Center of The Americas), this new location has what you asked us for: easy access from the North, South, East and West, and will feature a large conference center, including a computer lab and plenty of parking.

While our permanent office location on the ground floor is under complete renovation we will have temporary office space open in January/February. This temporary office will offer classes and programs for our Broward Council members until our state-of-art office opens featuring a classroom with seating for 100 and a hands-on computer lab featuring live training on 27 computers. For more information – see below.

The Broward Council of the MIAMI Association of REALTORS® newest office is easily accessible by land or air. Located in the very heart of South Florida, The Broward Council’s newest office is immediately south of Fort Lauderdale International Airport where Griffin Road meets I-95 in Dania Beach. It is 17 minutes south of Boca Raton in Palm Beach County, 45 minutes south of the city of Palm Beach, 20 minutes from North of Miami, and 90 minutes east of Naples by car.

The Broward Council of the MIAMI Association of REALTORS® newest office is the closest REALTOR® Association to an international airport in both distance (less than one and one half miles from the terminal) and in time (less than five minutes from the terminal) via the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel shuttle.

The MIAMI Association of REALTORS® is headquartered in Miami and now has 6 convenient locations in South Florida to serve more than 25,600 members.
National Designations & Certifications are the benchmark for excellence in the field of real estate. They are an important indicator of advanced qualifications, show a commitment to higher learning and advanced knowledge and those who proudly display them show evidence that they are on the cutting edge of the real estate industry.

The MIAMI Association of REALTORS® CONGRATULATES MOE VEISSI 2012 President

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NAR recognized the MIAMI International Council as a Platinum Council - the Global Achievement Program’s highest distinction – at the Realtors Conference in Anaheim, California. MIAMI Leaders John Dohm, Terri Bersach, Natascha Tello, Ralph De Martin, and Martha Pomares with CEO Teresa King Kinney were at NAR’s International Night Out to receive the award. With nearly 90 councils at state and local associations across the country, competition for this honor was significant. Only four councils achieved the Platinum level.
Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Loan Limits Restored

On November 17, 2011, Congress conferees agreed to reinstate the high cost loan limits for the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) for 2 years. The provision reinstates the FHA loan limits through Dec. 31, 2013 at 125 percent of local area median home prices, up to a maximum of $729,750 in the highest cost markets. The floor will remain at $271,050.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Congress passed legislation to extend the current National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to May 31, 2012, but will they ever pass comprehensive reform?

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) will continue to press Congress to use the additional time to complete their work on a five-year reauthorization of the program (H.R. 1309). NAR believes in the need for a long term reauthorization in order to provide certainty and to avoid further disruption to real estate markets.

Fannie Mae launched the Assistance Desk to streamline the short sale process when issues arise, such as a slowdown in the process or the existence of a second lien. Scheduled launch of the new SSAD is late January 2012. MIAMI was the site of the 1st Pilot Program for the Fannie Mae Short Sale Assistance Desk and has been assisting MIAMI members with their Short Sales since March 2010.

What does this mean for Broward & Miami-Dade Counties?

Before this legislation reinstated the loan limits, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties’ limits were $345,000. Now, the limit is restored to $423,750.

MIAMI Announces Launch of New Fannie Mae Short Sale Assistance Desk (SSAD) with Bilingual Tools Pilot Program

This new Assistance Desk and pilot program with bilingual tools is the 1st in the nation and will make it easier for MIAMI’s members to submit cases to the SSAD to quickly resolve issues on Fannie Mae short sales that may arise after a short sale offer is made. MIAMI and Fannie Mae developed the new SSAD and pilot program to test new bilingual online tools designed to help speed up the short sale process. The pilot features a new SSAD website tailored for the MLS. The SSAD provides online video tutorials in both English and Spanish and an auto population feature to speed online submissions. Fannie Mae launched the Assistance Desk to streamline the short sale process when issues arise, such as a slowdown in the process or the existence of a second lien. Scheduled launch of the new SSAD is late January 2012. MIAMI was the site of the 1st Pilot Program for the Fannie Mae Short Sale Assistance Desk and has been assisting MIAMI members with their Short Sales since March 2010.

Visit www.SFhomeprograms.com for a comprehensive list of housing programs, including income-based assistance.

Congress has approved eleven NFIP extensions since September 2008 and allowed five lapses. During the June 2010 lapse, 47,000 home sales were delayed or cancelled according to the National Association of REALTORS® survey data. Real estate markets require certainty to make the long-term investments that are vital to the U.S. economic recovery.

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Congress created the NFIP in 1968 in response to the rising cost to taxpayers of post-disaster payments for uninsured properties and the lack of a private market for flood insurance. Today, 5.6 million property owners rely on the program in 21,000 communities where flood insurance is required for federally related mortgages. Floods claimed more lives and property than any other natural disaster in the U.S. over the last century.

In fact, from 1990 to 2005, flood disasters were declared in every state — along rivers, lakes, behind levees and dams, anywhere snow melted or rain fell. In June 2011, they were declared in Iowa, Kansas, Indiana, Nebraska, Montana, Vermont, New York, Alaska, Illinois, and Oklahoma. More than 98% of NFIP policies were issued in non-coastal communities. Historic claims data shows the top three states contributing the most net revenue to NFIP coffers were on the Gulf; the top three with the most NFIP net loss years were in the Midwest. Floods are a national problem requiring a national solution.
REALTOR® Political Action Committee (RPAC)

The REALTOR® Political Action Committee (RPAC) is the voice of REALTOR® on Capitol Hill. Since 1969 RPAC has been promoting the election of pro-REALTOR® candidates across the United States. During the last federal election cycle alone, RPAC contributed over $12 million to pro-REALTOR® candidates to Congress, making it the number one trade association political action committee in the nation. Why has RPAC been successful? Because RPAC is not a charity, RPAC is a business.

A special thanks to the following members who have invested in their business and our future for 2011:

### Golden R - $5,000+
- Francisco Angulo*
- Patricia Delinois
- Teresa King Kinney*
- Frank Kowalski
- Maurice “Moe” Veissi*

### Crystal R - $2,500+
- Natascha Tello

### Sterling R - $1,000+
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- Danielle Blake
- Deborah Boza Valledor
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- Sandra Fernandez
- Jack H. Levine
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- Michelle Rojas
- Renate Smith
- Guy Trusty
- Matey Veissi
- Peter Zalewski

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- Manuel “Manny” Bouza
- George Brown
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- Renzo Maietto
- Harold Malin
- Stephen Maltagliati
- Matthieu Mamouidi
- Cristiano Marinarri
- Fernando Martinez
- Omar Masri
- Jay Massirman
- Jim McCaffrey
- Rose Mencia
- Leonor Mendoza
- James Mitchell
- Renald Molko
- Oscar Mormeneo
- Dan Morr
- Rogelia Mouawad
- Juan Muguercia
- Milagro Munoz
- Fernando Naranjo
- Jorge Noya
- Lori Ordover
- Irving Padrón
- Emilio Palomo
- Christian Parth
- Yulieth Pena-Mesa
- Angelina Perez
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- William Perez
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- Richard Rawle
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- Reniel Rivero
- Edward Rodriguez
- Iris Romero
- Zully Ruiz
- Jerome Russo
- Robert Sadler
- Tiziano Salinas
- Ramon Sanchez
- Marcela Santiago
- Antonio Sarmiento
- Vivian Sassi
- Andrew Savsky
- Thomas Sawyer
- Edward Schmidt
- Mike Schuler
- Milan Schultheis
- Michael “Moe” Veissi*

### Statesman - $500+
- Ralph E. DeMartino
- J.R. Steinbauer
- Carlos Villanueva
- Sergio Duran
- Eduardo “Eddie” San Roman

### 300+
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### 99 Club - 99+
- Luis Aguilars
- Ester Alfau-Compas
- Adriana Alvear
- Israel Ameijeiras
- Eduardo Avila
- Juan Baixeras
- Jeanne Baker
- Robert Barany
- Zena Bardawell
- Ray Barnes
- Olga Bellas
- Rodolfo Betancourt
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Constitutional Amendments

On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, Florida voters will once again be asked to consider amendments to our state constitution. Two of these are property tax amendments, which are of particular importance to REALTORS®. Educate yourself and get ready to vote during November’s Presidential Election.

Amendment 2

Veteran’s Property Tax Discount

Amendment 2 proposes to allow totally or partially disabled veterans who were not Florida residents at the time of entering military service to qualify for the combat-related disabled veteran’s ad valorem tax discount on homestead property.

Amendment 4

Additional Homestead Exemption; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Non-Homestead Assessment Increases

Amendment 4 is a bit more complex. Most Florida residents enjoy the benefits of the “Save Our Homes” (SOH) property tax assessment cap, which was approved in 1992 by the voters. SOH limits annual increases in the assessed value of a home to 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower. This limitation is known as the Save our Homes cap. On the other hand, this special benefit has created an inequitable tax system that leaves lawmakers searching for answers to satisfy others who were not included or to bring order to the system.

Amendment 4 is another attempt to restore some balance to the system, while appeasing the masses. While Florida REALTORS® and the MIAMI Association of REALTORS® support the amendment; we do recognize it’s not perfect and will continue working with the Florida Legislature to address future concerns.

Non-Homestead Assessment Limitation

During the recent real estate boom, owners of properties which were not covered by the SOH assessment cap (i.e. second homes, residential rentals and commercial structures) saw enormous increases on their property tax bills, sometimes doubling or tripling from one year to the next. This made it difficult for our REALTOR® members to close transactions when taxes could not be predicted or were not even capped. The legislature addressed this problem by proposing a 10 percent assessment cap for these properties.

While a 10 percent assessment cap would help, most of these owners would never receive this benefit since the economy entered into a recession and the real estate market values declined. Under Amendment 4, the proposal is to reduce the current limitation on annual growth in the assessed value of certain non-homestead property from 10 percent to 5 percent. This would bring the tax liability for both homestead and non-homestead property owners more in line with one another.

Prohibition of Increases in Assessed Value Where Market Value Has Declined

In an interesting twist, even homeowners protected by the SOH cap found inequities upon which to complain. While property values declined, the tax bills for these protected homeowners increased due to what is known as the “recapture” rule. This rule requires property appraisers to increase taxable values for SOH properties by 3% or CPI until the taxable value reaches the market value, thus netting an increase in property tax bills for SOH owners. This rule would only apply in declining markets. It was the first time that homeowners saw this rule take effect since being approved by the Governor and Florida Cabinet in September of 1995.

Amendment 4 proposes to allow the Legislature by general law to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property and certain non-homestead property in any year where the market value of the property decreases.

Additional Homestead Exemption for “First-Time” Homesteaders

Another effect of SOHs is that first-time homeowners might be assessed at a higher taxable value than their neighbors whose properties are worth the same market value. This makes buying a home less attractive (and affordable) for first-time homeowners. Therefore, the legislature added the additional homestead exemption for “first-time” homesteaders.

The proposed amendment would allow individuals who are entitled to a homestead exemption under s. 6(a), Art. VII of the State Constitution, and have not received a homestead exemption in the previous three calendar years to receive an additional temporary homestead exemption. The additional exemption is equal to 50 percent of the just value of the homestead property, capped at the median just value for homestead property in the county where the property is located. This exemption applies only to non-school property taxes. The exemption is reduced each year and diminishes to zero in five years or less.

Effective Dates

If approved by Florida voters on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, Amendment 4 will take effect on January 1, 2013. However, the first-time homebuyer property tax exemption will be retroactive to properties purchased on or after January 1, 2012.
Member-to-Member Marketing

A Commercial Must-Have Tool

The premium commercial tool Member-to-Member Marketing Emails has grown as the RCA MIAMI membership has expanded. The most popular service that RCA offers, the system allows commercial members to contact the other members with haves and needs. Response has been great as members can instantly reach over 1,200 commercial practitioners with just a few clicks.

The platform is flexible enough to allow senders to add images, flyers, links and attachments thus creating a valuable marketing venue for members. The members, by accessing the commercial roster, can also email their client’s needs. Recent promotions have included requests for shopping centers for international buyers, industrial space in Doral for owner-users and multi-family investors looking for apartments.

If you are currently a RCA MIAMI member and not using the system or would like to become a commercial member please email Senior VP of Commercial Paul Cauchi at paul@miamire.com or call him at 305-468-7060

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RCA Events

Commercial/Residential Referral Network Launch in 2012 Benefits Everyone

In 2012 RCA MIAMI will launch the much awaited Commercial/Residential Referral Network. The idea behind this new service is to help our residential and commercial members to do more business. The Referral Network will provide a great resource for all members and will feature information, areas of expertise for RCA MIAMI members, and provide a valuable database for residential agents to find the right referral partner for their commercial property buyers and sellers.

The network will include detailed descriptions and key information on commercial members so that residential members can easily identify the right practitioner to work with or refer to for their commercial deal. In addition, both residential and commercial members will have access to referral agreements helping facilitate the process and creating a platform to encourage even more business.

Residential members will be able to search pertinent criteria including: area of expertise such as office or industrial, locations that they specialize in such as Doral, Miami Beach, Broward, etc., and other categories like language capability and commercial designations. Residential professionals will be able to quickly identify the right commercial agent and contact them to see about doing business together. Once they have determined the right commercial member, they can discuss and come to agreement on other issues including: the referral or level of involvement for the residential agent in the transaction and the commission split.

RCA MIAMI members will have the opportunity to agree to participate in the Commercial/Residential Referral Network, to populate their profiles with information about themselves and their resume as a commercial broker. Residential members will have full access to the service and the entire database of the RCA members from which to choose. In addition, the service will be promoted on the website and through other direct promotions and collateral material. The Network is a great opportunity for RCA members to build long-term relationships with residential members that will lead to expanded business opportunities and cross-specialty referrals for all MIAMI members.

Transportation Series Highlights Expansion, Growth and Vision

With more than 250 attendees, RCA MIAMI hosted a Panama Canal Expansion event in May that attracted a record number of participants and addressed the impact the monumental expansion will have on South Florida and the entire region. The success of the event and subsequent feedback has prompted us to address the broader issues of transportation in 2012. Airports, seaports, rail and public transportation will all be on the agenda in this four-part series. The events will focus on the current opportunities for commercial brokers as well as the future implication of public policy, the Port of Miami’s new tunnel and emerging international and regional business opportunities due to South Florida’s changing transportation landscape.

The series will cover all of South Florida and include the Miami and Fort Lauderdale airports, Port of Miami and Port Everglades and rails in both counties. In addition, the speakers and topics will vary from a more global perspective to local opportunities and issues unique to South Florida. The industrial sector is expected to see the biggest impact as a result of the changing transportation, but other aspects of real estate will also be affected, particularly the residential market job creation will yield increased demand for housing in the region. Other sectors such as retail, office, and multi-family will also benefit as they experience the trickle-down effects of population growth and international demand due to increased imports and demand for warehousing.

Jan 25th

Commercial & Residential Distressed: Possibilities & Solutions

With Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of Miami Dade Court & An Expert Panel Covering Several Aspects of Distressed Properties

9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:30 am until Noon Program
Coral Gables Country Club
paul@miamire.com for more information
2011 RCA Super Conference Brings National Speakers, Draws Large Crowd

The 2011 RCA Super Conference at the Historic Biltmore was the perfect end to 2011. This year’s conference not only brought in speakers from throughout the state and nation but offered numerous positive predictions from multiple presenters. With over 200 attendees, the audience was treated to an optimistic assessment of Miami’s future as well as an upbeat prognosis on medical, multi-family, industrial and other relevant topics.

Keynote speaker Tony Goldman, CEO of Goldman Properties, spoke about what drew him to South Florida almost 30 years ago – a diverse, international area with huge potential as a world-class city. First investing in Miami Beach, he now has a substantial stake in the Wynwood area, and predicts much more of an upside for South Florida in the future.

Other speakers included Dr. Pascal Goldschmidt, dean of the University of Miami Medical School, who spoke about medical innovation and how this sector in partnership with hospitals all over the world will help diversify Miami and attract and maintain important and unique talent. The attendees also received a global, national and regional look at the focus of the largest real estate investment trusts (REITS). Duke Realty, Healthcare Realty and Prologis addressed office, medical and industrial respectively and detailed their current and future investment in our region. Dr. Randy Anderson of the University of Central Florida highlighted the multi-family sector and the incredible investment opportunity it presents now and in the future.

This year, the attendees had an option to participate in various breakout sessions throughout the day. All were well-attended and included an SIOR-sponsored Industrial Panel and a CCIM-sponsored Investment Panel. Also featured were The REIT Panel and Land: The Dirt on Dirt.

The Super Conference concluded with some of the best door prizes in the event’s history - including theater tickets, four Dolphins tickets, and an iPAD. The 2012 event is already being planned with great expectation as a result of this year’s success.

Florida CIE Expands & Offers New Services

As planned, FlaCIE - the Florida Commercial Information Exchange - has recently partnered with associations in both Broward and Palm Beach County in addition to the MIAMI Association of REALTORS® to grow their already robust data and expand membership. This will help eProperty Data, the current provider of the system, gain important market share, add key tenant and property tax records and solidify their presence as a true regional commercial listing and data provider. In addition they have added key new features to better serve their current members including:

- A national have/wants database for sending investment properties
- iPad application: FlaCIE now on iPad
- Investit Lite: On-line cash flow projections & simple investment analysis
- Site Evaluator: Quickly locate and display logos for the top 200 national retailers nearest your subject property
- Link: Power your commercial website
- MIAMI MLS Members can also view FlaCIE active properties using their MLS Login but cannot access reports, etc., unless they subscribe

Currently www.FlaCIE.com tracks sales and lease transactions. It has over 17,000 active listings, 130,000 tenants and over 24,000 sold properties for property comparisons. It also is a system that can help commercial practitioners create robust CMAs, discover valuable current listings and access prospecting and marketing tools with just a few clicks. If you have not received the recent FlaCIE Leasing Guides or would like to take advantage of a FREE trial, contact Debbie Colangelo at 954.290.3866 or by email at dcolangelo@cre-sources.com

Pre-Register for the Commercial Event of the Year

The 2012 Commercial Super Conference
November 2012
RCAMiami.com
International buyers in the U.S. are increasingly attracted to Florida, the top state in the nation for foreign buying activity. Over the last year, Florida’s market share of international sales in the U.S. has increased a significant 9%. Florida accounts for 31% of U.S. international sales. California is a distant second, representing only 12% of U.S. international sales, followed by Texas with 8%.

The South Florida real estate market, which draws the most international buyers in Florida, is expected to set a sales record this year. Locally, foreign buyers and investors have fueled strengthening unlike anywhere else in the nation. Miami was recently ranked the “Top Turnaround Town” by REALTOR.com because it is leading the U.S. towards a general recovery and stability of the housing sector.

The latest Miami International Market Report, recently released by the MIAMI Association of Realtors, reveals the local landscape of foreign buyers is changing as buyers from a great number of emerging markets purchase real estate. Foreign buyers, who have fueled the local market recovery, purchase more expensive real estate than domestic buyers and largely prefer condominiums to single-family homes.
Top Markets
The top countries of origin in 2010 were Venezuela (28%), Canada (10%), Brazil (9%), Argentina (8%), Colombia (7%), France (6%) and Mexico (5%). Other markets currently investing in South Florida include the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Italy, India, Germany, Chile, and China.

Higher Median Sales Price
The median sales price for international purchases was $222,500. The October median sales price for all purchases in the Miami Metropolitan Statistical Area was $177,900 for single-family homes and $117,900 for condominiums.

Preference for Condos in South Florida
The majority (71 percent) of international buyers prefer condominiums to other property types. In comparison, 15 percent purchased single-family residences, nine percent purchased townhouses and five percent purchased commercial property.
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To register call: 800-660-4327  
Approved for 45hr Post licensing or 11CE and 3hr Core Law  
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March 5 – 7 and 12 – 14, 2012  
MIAMI – HQ Office  
700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., Ste 400 • Miami, Florida 33166  
September 10 – 12 and 17 – 19, 2012  
MIAMI – East Broward,1815 Griffin Rd. • Dania, FL 33004

Certified Distressed Property Expert  
Approved for 11hrs CE  
MIAMI HQ  
700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., Ste 400 • Miami, Florida 33166  
January 24 & 25, 2012  
Registration: 8:00am • Class: 9:00am – 5:30pm  
To Register Call: (800) 482-0335 or go to www.cdpe.com  
Use Online Code: ECD007 to Receive Discount of 3 Payments of $158 or one payment of $449  
MIAMI – East Broward,1815 Griffin Rd. • Dania, FL 33004  
May 9 & 10, 2012  
Registration: 8:00am • Class: 9:00am – 5:30pm  
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Your Designation Includes:  
□ Two Full Days of Classroom Instruction  
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□ Flowcharts for Every Foreclosure Solution  
□ Complete Sample Short Sales Package  
□ Monthly Coaching Calls, Forum & Website Access  
□ Use of the CDPE Logo & Designation PLUS:  
□ Bonus Section on HAFA  
□ Access to Affordable Ratios  
□ Low-Cost Strategies to Quickly Become Your Market’s Leader

CRS 202: SALES STRATEGIES  
February 6 – 7, 2012 • 8:30am – 5:00pm • Plantation  
10050 NW 1st Court, Plantation, FL 33324  
The Sales Strategies Course (CRS 202) from the Council of Residential Specialists will help you tap into the motivations and concerns of today’s qualified home buyers—and help them achieve home ownership.  
Upon the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:  
□ Access scripts to identify qualified buyers and get them in the car  
□ Identify today’s buyers and get them off the fence  
□ Learn to communicate with your clients and create trust and loyalty from buyers

Become a Realty Social Media Super Star  
Approved for 4hrs CE  
MIAMI Mbrs. $15 • Non-Mbrs. $30 • Onsite $50  
January 26, 2012 • 9am – 12:30pm • MIAMI HQ  
700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., Ste 400, Miami, Fl 33166  
January 26, 2012 • 1pm – 5:30pm • Plantation  
10050 NW 1st Court, Plantation, FL 33324  
This course explores understanding the changing needs and habits of today’s consumer and how REALTORS® can use social media tools to find new business, grow and nurture their circle of influence, become more efficient in their daily lives and provide better service consumers. Plus, the legal, risk management and online safety concerns a REALTOR® needs to be aware of in the social world.  
You will learn:  
□ The Social Media Evolution and Revolution  
□ Your Blue Print to Getting Started  
□ Everything Facebook  
□ Twitter All the Time  
□ Google Plus  
□ Active Rain, LinkedIn & YouTube  
□ Blogging for Dollars  
□ Integrating Social Media into Your Website

Cyber Safety: Use Today’s Technology Successfully without Risk  
January 26, 2012 • 9:00am – 12:00pm • Plantation  
10050 NW 1st Court, Plantation, FL 33324  
January 26, 2012 • 1pm – 5pm • MIAMI HQ  
700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., Ste 400, Miami, Fl 33166  
MIAMI Mbrs. $15 • Non-Mbrs. $30 • Onsite $50  
Today’s environment includes social networking, smart phones, laptops, e-mail and online everything. But how safe are you when using all this technology? Do you know what the pictures you upload are telling the world?  
What information are you really giving out with your daily on-line posts? Learn the pitfalls and rewards of using social media, geotags, and many other cyber tools. Today’s technology can assist and harm you but through this program you can discover ways to safeguard yourself, your clients and your family.  
□ Learn about today’s criminals and how they select and target their victims.  
□ Learn how to recognize a secure website.  
□ Discover how to protect the identity of your clients while implementing safe online transactions and publications  
□ Discover how to protect your clients’ personal information stored in electronic files within their offices.  
□ Learn the pitfalls of social networking and how to protect your clients and yourself while also benefiting from these necessary tools.  
□ Learn about privacy settings that can increase the protection of their clients’ information.  
□ Discover the meaning of geotagging and how to secure your electronic devices  
□ Discover techniques to safeguard your laptops and smart phones from predators to protect your clients.  
□ Learn what to do immediately and what to put into your own safety plan to ensure maximum safety for your clients.

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Start Receiving Orders Today! • Approved for 7hrs CE  
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Currently, there are only 19 BPOR Certified Agents and 50,071 orders to Be Taken in Florida!  
February 23rd • MIAMI HQ  
700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., Ste 400, Miami Florida 33166  
February 24th • Sherman Fort Lauderdale  
Evaluating property values depends more than ever on professional expertise and competence, the best use of technology, and a commitment to approach the valuation assignment from all pertinent perspectives. “BPORs: The Agent’s Role in the Valuation Process” is specifically designed to help residential real estate agents and brokers enhance their skills in creating BPORs, reducing risk, and applying alternative valuation methods.  
REQUIREMENTS:  
□ One-day class (Feb. 23rd or 24th)  
□ One-hour Webinar  
□ $199 application fee  
□ Be licensed for at least two-and-a-half years  
□ Have an E&O policy with $250,000.00 min. coverage per incident and $500,000 aggregate maximum.
**NEW in 2012 and EXCLUSIVE to MIAMI**

**Certified Investor Specialist**

*March 21st, 2012*

Registration: 8:00am • Class: 9:00am - 5pm

**MIAMI Mbrs. $129 • Non Mbrs. $179**

Are you puzzled with the seeming lack of Real Estate-Owned (REO) inventory available for sale, despite record-setting distressed listings located throughout the nation? Well there is a reason behind the mystery – banks and other large real estate portfolio owners are packaging and liquidating them en masse. Indeed, bulk sales and non-performing note sales have never been higher along with the commission checks for selling and listing agents. Curious how you can get into the game? Come attend our Certified Investor Specialist (CIS) program.

**The following topics will be explored:**
1. Finding and working with investors
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3. The Broker Price Opinion
4. Financing foreclosures
5. Buy and Repair programs
6. Bulk REO and NFN Sales

After completion of the coursework and passing of the exam you will understand how to buy, sell and list bulk sale distressed real estate portfolios from all sides of the transaction.

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**Go Vertical! Taking your business to the next level**

*February 13th - 14th, 2012*

Registration: 8:00am • Class: 9:00am - 5pm

**MIAMI Mbrs. $225 • Non Mbrs. $275**

Start landing buyer and seller leads in bulk through local corporations, credit unions, membership organizations and associations.

This program teaches REALTORS® (and mortgage professional!) how to profit from these virtually untapped vertical markets, growing new business and commissions exponentially.

**This two day course will cover:**
1. Your market analysis
2. Prospecting for corporate clients
3. The presentation process
4. The cost calculator
5. Implementing a successful campaign
6. Managing your corporate accounts
7. Cross selling opportunities
8. PR and advertising
9. Relocation management
10. The future of Employer housing and financing solutions

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**Do You Know When Your Real Estate License Expires?**

You have two easy ways to check.

1. On the front of your Real Estate license.
2. Visit www.myfloridlicense.com and select “renew/maintain a license”.

**Requirements to renew your license for the first time:**

- A sales associate must complete the 45-hour post-licensing course, within the initial renewal period, prior to the expiration date.
- Failure to complete post-licensing education or pay the renewal fee prior to the initial expiration date will result in the license becoming null and void. After a license becomes null and void you will be required to re-apply for a license and retake the required pre-licensing education again if you would like to be re-licensed.
- A broker must complete the 60-hour post-licensing course, within the initial renewal period, prior to the expiration date.

**Requirements to renew your license after the first renewal:**

- A sales associate is required to complete 14 hours of continuing education every two years prior to renewing the license as long as it is not the first renewal. (Post licensing education must be done in order to renew in the first renewal cycle.)
- Failure to complete the 14hrs CE will cause the license to become involuntary inactive. They will have to complete the continuing education and pay the fees to renew. The department allows up to 12 months after the expiration date to complete the 14 hours continuing education and pay the renewal fee, which will include a late fee of $45.00. You may not operate while your license is involuntary inactive.
- If a license go's delinquent for more than 12 months, but less than 24 months, the 28 hour reactivation education course is required as well as all renewal fees before the end of their 2nd renewal cycle. Failure to do so will result in the license expiring and going null and void. See Section 475.183, Florida Statutes for exact wording.
- A broker is required to complete 14 hours of continuing education every two years prior to renewing the license as long as it is not the first renewal. (Post licensing education must be done in order to renew in the first renewal cycle.)
- Failure to complete the 14hrs CE will cause the license to become involuntary inactive. The licensee can not renew the license if they have not done the required continuing education. The department allows up to 12 months after the expiration date to complete the 14 hours continuing education and pay the renewal fee, which will include a late fee of $45. You may not operate while your license is inactive.
- If a broker allows the license to remain involuntary inactive for more than 12 months, but less than 24 months, a 28 hour reactivation education course is required as well as all renewal and late fees before the end of their second renewal cycle. Failure to do so will result in the license going to null and void. All renewals are made up of two components, education and fees. Both of these components must be complete before a license can be renewed.

In order to meet the required for 14 hour of continuing education you must complete 11 hours specialty hours and 3 hour Core courses within any 2 years.

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**Designation Requirements**

**CRS: Certified Residential Specialist**

**Option A**

- **Production Requirements:** 75 transactions within any five years OR $25 million within any five years
- **CRS Education:** 32 Credits, 16 Credits Must Come from CRS Courses
- **Elective Requirements:** 32 Credits

**Option B**

- **Production Requirements:** 25 transactions (with no time frame) OR $8 million with a minimum of 10 transactions within any 2 years
- **CRS Education:** 48 Credits, 16 Credits Must Come from CRS Courses
- **Elective Requirements:** 32 Credits

**GRI: Graduate REALTOR® Institute**

GRI Production Requirements: Successfully Complete all 3 core courses within 5 years,

GRI-I: Standards of Practice
GRI-II: Essential Real Estate Techniques
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- Prepare and submit the Portfolio of Qualifying Experience
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