



RCAP 2.0 IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP

# The Power of Procurement for Low-Carbon, Resilient Communities

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## AGENDA

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FRIDAY, MAY 10

9:30 – 10:00 AM    Registration

10:00 – 10:10      Welcoming remarks and agenda overview

**Lauren Ordway**, *Senior Program Officer, Institute for Sustainable Communities*

10:10 – 10:30      The Climate Compact 101 & what's procurement got to do with it?

**Susy Torriente**, *Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, City of Miami Beach*

10:30 – 11:30      Best practices & lessons learned for innovative procurement

This session will explore procurement best practices and lessons learned from local examples in the Southeast Florida region. Participants will learn how to successfully integrate the Compact's unified sea level rise projection into capital planning processes and request for proposals (RFP) through model projects. The session will also examine the City of Miami Beach's innovative process of developing an RFP to conduct a business case analysis of their Stormwater Program as a case study in procurement best practices and processes to advance resilience.

**Dr. Samantha Danchuk**, *Assistant Director, Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division, Broward County*

**Eric Carpenter**, *Assistant City Manager, City of Miami Beach*

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11:30 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 12:30 PM **Procuring for adaptation: Best practices for climate-smart infrastructure**

Local governments are making significant taxpayer investment to upgrade and improve infrastructure, increasing the urgency of incorporating climate-risk management into these projects to ensure they continue to deliver services essential to the public's health, safety, and welfare over their planned lifetimes. Limited consideration of both climate-related costs and climate-resilience benefits in infrastructure decisions can result in missed opportunities to maximize long-term public investments and build a more resilient region. This session will explore opportunities to incorporate equitable climate change adaptation considerations into procurement processes for climate-smart capital projects.

**Moderator: Susy Torriente**, *Assistant City Manager & Chief Resilience Officer, City of Miami Beach*

**Elle Hempen**, *CEO, The Atlas*

**Lauren Swan**, *Strategic Planning + Resilience, AECOM*

12:30 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 **Procuring for a low-carbon future**

Public procurement is a key tool to drive low-carbon transition within communities and support the growth of the local clean-tech sector. Some governments in the region have even set specific procurement-related emissions reduction goals, such as committing to power a certain percentage of public operations or buildings with renewable energy. Speakers will discuss their approach to advancing bids to meet low-carbon goals, how solutions-based and collaborative procurement can support outcomes, challenges they have faced, and tools employed.

**Moderator: Megan Houston**, *Director, Office of Resilience, Palm Beach County*

**Dr. Jennifer Jurado**, *Chief Resilience Officer and Division Director, Broward County*

**Matt Anderson**, *Senior Sustainability Analyst, City of Coral Gables*

**Jared Walker**, *Technical Lead, Fleet Electrification, Electrification Coalition*

2:15 – 3:15 **Making the case: Metrics, life-cycle analysis, and tracking resiliency investment**

Building resilience requires not only integrating a changing climate into planning, but also adjusting how we invest using resilience principles. This session will explore how local governments can require meaningful climate-smart criteria and deliverables for all infrastructure-related capital projects and capital improvement

plans, contracts and other procurement vehicles, grants and bond funding, and asset management plans; evaluation methodologies available to help capture the broader range of climate impacts in the project design and bids evaluation process that include the cost of externalities; and potential ways to track resilience investments within local governments.

**Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Jurado**, *Chief Resilience Officer and Division Director, Broward County*

**Dr. Keith Clinkscales**, *Director, Strategic Planning and Performance Management, Palm Beach County*

**Seth Platt**, *Senior Associate, LSN Partners*

**Eric Bill**, *Vice President of Economics, Impact Infrastructure (the makers of Autocase)*

3:15 – 4:15

**Work Sessions: Participants will select which concurrent work session they would like to join.**

**Track 1: Developing a Resilience Checklist**

Using Palm Beach County’s initial work to institutionalize resilience throughout county capital improvements, participants will explore how to develop a resiliency checklist for capital projects, share best practices and challenges, and discuss if such a tool should be applied across the region.

Facilitator: **Megan Houston**, *Director, Office of Resilience, Palm Beach County*

**Track 2: Procuring Resilience Toolkit**

Rather than trying to reform procurement processes or change state or federal legislative rules, the *Procuring Resilience Toolkit*, developed by The Atlas and re:focus partners, focuses on ways cities can immediately work within their current procurement systems to enable better outcomes. Participants will work through the three elements of the toolkit: (1) Problem Framing; (2) Tool Selection; and (3) Procurement Definition to explore how different procurement decisions and pathways can help reimagine procurement as a process to access new ideas, new partners, and new resources to deal with their most pressing resiliency challenges.

Facilitator: **Elle Hempfen**, *CEO, The Atlas*

4:15 – 4:30 PM

**Closing remarks and adjourn**