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MIAMI REMAINS IN CONTENTION IN THE U.S. BID TO HOST FIFA WORLD CUP™ IN 2018 OR 2022

MIAMI – The USA Bid Committee today announced that Miami was one of the 27 United States cities that passed the third stage of the city and stadium proposal review process and remains under consideration as potential host venue for the FIFA World Cup™ in 2018 or 2022. Each of the 27 cities will continue working with the USA Bid Committee both on the development and promotion of their local and national campaigns.

"Miami is proud to be in contention for this exciting and prestigious event. The FIFA World Cup™ is the most significant international event in the World today. And as a Gateway to the World, we believe that Miami will provide an atmosphere that truly emanates the spirit and tradition that is FIFA World Cup™", states Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Miami Bid Committee Chair and Chairman of the Miami-Dade Sports Commission.

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission, in collaboration with our partners at Land Shark stadium and throughout the local community, submitted the bid proposal on behalf of the Miami community on July 29th. Last week, the Sports Commission announced the official Miami Bid Committee consisting of local community members such as Stephen M. Ross, Alonso Mourning, Peter Delora, Marcelo Claure, Teofilo "Nene" Cubillas, George Feldenkreis, Emilio Estefan, and Facundo L. Bacardi. The Sports Commission and Miami Bid Committee will continue their efforts, in the months leading up to FIFA's final decision, promoting Miami and the U.S. bid to host the FIFA World Cup™.

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission and the Miami Bid Committee have tentatively scheduled a press conference for Monday, August 24, at 11 a.m. EDT, at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, in the Press Room adjacent to the BCC Chambers, to discuss the continuing effort to bring the FIFA World Cup™ to the United States and, ultimately, Miami.

"The USA Bid Committee is pleased to have received comprehensive responses from city officials and local organizing committees across the United States," said Sunil Gulati, the Chairman of the USA Bid Committee and President of U.S. Soccer. "The overwhelming interest and creativity shown by the candidate cities made our extensive review process that much more difficult in narrowing down the list."

The RFP process resulted in 11 cities being pulled from contention, an important step in the United States' application that is due to FIFA in May 2010. FIFA and its 24 member Executive Committee will study the bids, conduct site visits and name the two host nations

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for the 2018 and 2022 tournaments in December 2010, completing a 21-month bid and review process.

The 27 remaining candidate cities offer a wide variety of markets that range in size from New York City to Jacksonville, Fla., as well as vast coast-to-coast geographic strength. Numerous U.S. markets that did not play host to matches during FIFA World Cup™ in 1994 remain under consideration, including Philadelphia, Cleveland, St. Louis, Denver, Seattle, Phoenix and Miami.

The 11 cities removed during this round were: Birmingham, Ala.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Fayetteville, Ark.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New Orleans, La.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Salt Lake City, Utah and San Antonio, Tex.

In conjunction with the list of 27 cities announced by the USA Bid Committee, a short list of 32 stadiums still under consideration was also announced today. The venues average almost 74,000 in capacity and represent a wide spectrum of facilities, featuring stadiums typically used for college and professional football, including open-air, domed and retractable roof venues. All 32 stadiums currently exist or are under construction with eight featuring capacities between 80,000 and 108,000 spectators. A list of the finalist cities and stadiums, all of which are vying to be included in the USA Bid Committee's formal bid book to FIFA in May 2010, can be found at the end of this news release and at the bid's official webpage.

The current list of venues came as a result of a four-month process that began in April with representatives from 58 stadiums expressing interest in being considered for the USA's bid. The USA Bid Committee was then able to cut the list to 45 stadiums in 38 cities in mid-June following the review of a detailed questionnaire completed by the candidate venues that incorporated the strict FIFA facility requirements into the evaluation process.

"We will be working closely with officials from all 27 cities, stadiums and host committees over the next few months in our process of identifying the final list of cities that will be included in our bid book to FIFA in May 2010," said David Downs, the Executive Director of the USA Bid Committee. "The support of the individual cities and their capacity to promote the bid will be crucial to our efforts as we work to maintain the momentum created by the launch of our national campaign and our Web page, goUSAbid.com, last week. With the passion for the game being shown by our fans and the existing infrastructure in place in the U.S., we are confident we have assembled a list of candidate cities that will meet and exceed FIFA's requirements for hosting World Cup matches."

FIFA's criterion requires a candidate host nation to provide a minimum of 12 stadiums and a maximum of 18 capable of seating 40,000 or more spectators. Stadiums with a minimum capacity of 80,000 are required by FIFA for consideration to play host to the Opening Match and Final Match. The U.S. used stadiums in nine cities when it hosted the 1994 FIFA World Cup.

The United States, Australia, England, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico and Russia have formally declared their desire to host the FIFA World Cup™ in 2018 or 2022. Netherlands-Belgium and Portugal-Spain have each submitted joint bids for the 2018 and 2022 tournaments, while Qatar and South Korea have applied as candidates to play host only to the tournament in 2022.

ABOUT THE MIAMI-DADE SPORTS COMMISSION

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission was created by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in 2003, and opened for business in April of 2004. The Sports Commission promotes sports in Miami-Dade County, and works to secure sports events that

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will generate economic impact for the community. The Miami-Dade Sports Commission is a proud partner of the United States Olympic Committee's Community Partner program.

For more information about the Miami-Dade Sports Commission, please visit www.MiamiSports.org.

ABOUT U.S. SOCCER:

Founded in 1913, U.S. Soccer has helped chart the course for soccer in the United States for more than 95 years as the governing body of the sport. In this time, the Federation's mission statement has been simple and clear: to make soccer, in all its forms, a preeminent sport in the U.S. and to continue the development of soccer at all recreational and competitive levels. To that end, the sport's growth in the past two decades has been nothing short of remarkable as U.S. Soccer's National Teams have continually succeeded on the world stage while also growing the game here in the U.S. with the support of its members. For more info, visit ussoccer.com.

ABOUT THE USA BID COMMITTEE INC.:

The USA Bid Committee is a nonprofit organization created to prepare a successful application to host the FIFA World Cup™ in 2018 or 2022 on behalf of the United States Soccer Federation. The Bid Committee will submit its comprehensive bid to FIFA by May 2010, with FIFA's 24 member Executive Committee making a decision in December 2010. Members of the USA Bid Committee in alphabetical order include Houston Dynamo and Los Angeles Galaxy owner Philip Anschutz, former Goldman Sachs Vice Chairman (Asia) Carlos Cordeiro, U.S. Men's National Team player Landon Donovan, Executive Director David Downs, U.S. Soccer CEO and General Secretary Dan Flynn, U.S. Soccer Foundation President Ed Foster-Simeon, Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber, U.S. Soccer President and USA Bid Committee Chairman Sunil Gulati, U.S. Women's National Team former player Mia Hamm, former U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger, New England Revolution and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, University of Miami President Donna Shalala and Univision CEO Joe Uva. For more information, visit www.goUSAbid.com.

Proposed stadiums, cities and metropolitan markets for further consideration:

Metro Market/City	Stadium	Capacity
Atlanta	Georgia Dome	71,250
Baltimore	M & T Bank Stadium	71,008
Boston	Gillette Stadium	71,693
Charlotte	Bank of America Stadium	73,778
Chicago	Soldier Field	61,000
Cleveland	Cleveland Browns Stadium	72,000
Dallas	Cotton Bowl	89,000
Dallas	Cowboys Stadium	100,000
Denver	INVESCO Field	76,125
Detroit	Ford Field	67,188
Detroit	Michigan Stadium	108,000
Houston	Reliant Stadium	71,500
Indianapolis	Lucas Oil Stadium	64,200
Jacksonville, Fla.	Jacksonville Municipal Stadium	82,000
Kansas City	Arrowhead Stadium	77,000
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum	93,607
Los Angeles	Rose Bowl	92,000+
Miami	Land Shark Stadium	75,540
Nashville	LP Field	69,143

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New York/N.J.	New Meadowlands Stadium	82,000
Oakland	Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum	63,026
Orlando	Florida Citrus Bowl	65,616
Philadelphia	Lincoln Financial Field	67,594
Phoenix/Glendale	University of Phoenix Stadium	71,000
San Diego	Qualcomm Stadium	70,500
San Francisco	Stanford Stadium	50,500
Seattle	Qwest Field	67,000
Seattle	Husky Stadium	72,500
St. Louis	Edward Jones Dome	67,268
Tampa	Raymond James Stadium	65,856
Washington, D.C.	RFK Stadium	45,600
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