Dr. Edward "Ned" Murray
Associate Director of the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University

Ned Murray, Ph.D., AICP* is the Associate Director of the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University in Miami. Dr. Murray is a leading expert on economic and housing market issues in South Florida. He has authored many of the landmark affordable housing needs studies including the leading studies for Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Broward and Monroe Counties. He was also the Principal Investigator on the Broward County Housing Linkage Fee Nexus Study and Rental Housing Study for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Dr. Murray has recently completed and presented Housing Market Update and Municipal Scorecard studies for Palm Beach and Broward Counties and the South Florida Workforce Housing Needs Assessment. Dr. Murray developed the “Municipal Scorecard for Affordable Housing Delivery©” model which was used to evaluate affordable housing performance in Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

Dr. Murray also has over twenty years of professional urban planning experience, including 12 years as a former Director of Planning and Development in Massachusetts. He holds a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Dr. Murray has authored and presented numerous papers on economic development, affordable housing and urban planning, including articles published in Economic Development Quarterly (EDQ), the Economic Development Journal, the Journal of Public Affairs Education and the Council for Urban Economic Development’s Commentary.
Dr. MARIE FLORE LINDOR-LATORTUE, Ph. D., CEO, Executive Director

Professor, Professional Business Consultant, Radio-TV Host, Inventor of the “Gade Tet Ou” philosophy.

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Dr. Marie Flore Lindor-Latortue was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In 1992, she graduated from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico with a double major: Bachelor in Education and Bachelor in Psychology. In 1995, she obtained her Master Degree in Health Services Administration at Barry University, Miami, Florida. In 2010 she completed a doctorate degree in Higher Education Administration specializing in Leadership. She has served voluntarily in several non-profit organizations particularly “The Make a Wish Foundation of Florida” and WDNA Jazz Station and community radio and

She is also the first Haitian-Woman who has served in the Florida Commission on the Status of Women for the period of November 2004 to November 2008, Tallahassee, Florida. She received several community awards and was named Jackson Memorial Hospital Employee of the Month in September 2001. She has over 15 years of experience in social services and health education program development.

She is the Executive Director of the Association of Exchange and Development of Activities and Partnerships, Inc. (AEDAP); an organization that supports micro projects in Haiti and encourages protection of seniors, leadership among youth, partnership projects among existing organizations in the United States of America. She is proud to be a current adjunct faculty at Brown Mackie College-Miami, Miami Dade College and several other colleges. Among several other activities “Flore” is a radio host for over 20 years. She owns “Gade Tet Ou, LLC” a small communication, network, public relations and radio advertising services corporation. In October 2011, Flore decided to give a different dimension to radio, she created Radio/TV with Dr. Flore, first blended Radio/TV show, 58 minutes format, innovated by a black woman.

She is a capacity building consultant. She and her husband Luc-Philippe Roland (ANDY) are the parents of two sons Luc-Phillipe and Raphael Yassin Latortue.

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Joann Milord
Executive Director NE2P

Joann Milord is the Executive Director of Northeast Second Avenue Partnership also known as NE2P. Northeast Second Partnership, Inc. (NE2P) is a community initiated and collaborative effort composed of diverse community stakeholders interested in a comprehensive revitalization of the key commercial corridors in the Little Haiti community. NE2P is committed to creating and sustaining a vibrant commercial center to increase economic opportunities for the residents of the community. As the Executive Director, Joann has spearheaded the strategic planning of the organization and continues to move NE2P’s mission forward.

In 2005, she joined Accion USA as a loan officer targeting the Haitian microenterprises by providing micro loan products and technical assistance to business owners, who would have been unable to obtain loans from traditional banks especially, in Little Haiti. At Accion USA, Joann managed a 3 million dollar loan portfolio throughout the state of Florida.

In 2006, she became an adjunct professor at Keiser University where she taught associate and bachelors level Criminal Justice courses. She was promoted to Senior Business Development and Loan Officer at Accion USA in 2008. While employed at Accion USA, Joann joined the Board of Directors of Northeast Second Avenue Partnership (NE2P). Since joining NE2P joined has tripled the organization’s budget, by seeking various funding opportunities from local government and private foundations raising over $500,000.

Currently as the Executive Director of NE2P, Joann is spearheading multiple projects that have had a significant impact in the Little Haiti community:

- Cultural tours to market and brand Little Haiti
- Cultural events to promote are as a cultural destination
- Technical assistance for small business development
- Citizens on Patrol to increase public safety and quality of life
- Art Beat Miami pop up fair during Art Basel
- Advocacy for public services needed in the community and
- Little Haiti Small Business Association

Under her leadership, NE2P was awarded the City of Miami Certificate of Tribute May 2012, Switchboard Miami All Stars MVP award in 2014, the Miami Foundation’s Public Space Challenge in 2015 and the National Main Street Refresh program.

In June of 2016, Mrs. Milord was appointed as the Executive Director for the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida (HACCOF). Under her leadership, HACCOF created the annual YOPRO (Young Professionals) recognizing 20 young professional Haitian-Americans were recognized for their commitment and contributions both professionally, civically, and academically to the Haitian Community

Mrs. Milord is also an author with articles published in The Miami Herald and Le Floridien.