

WODCON XXI WORLD DREDGING CONGRESS WELCOME REMARKS

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- *World-famous Miami Beach*
 - 9 miles long
 - 1 mile wide
 - Offshore of City by 1 mile
- *Art Deco Historic District*



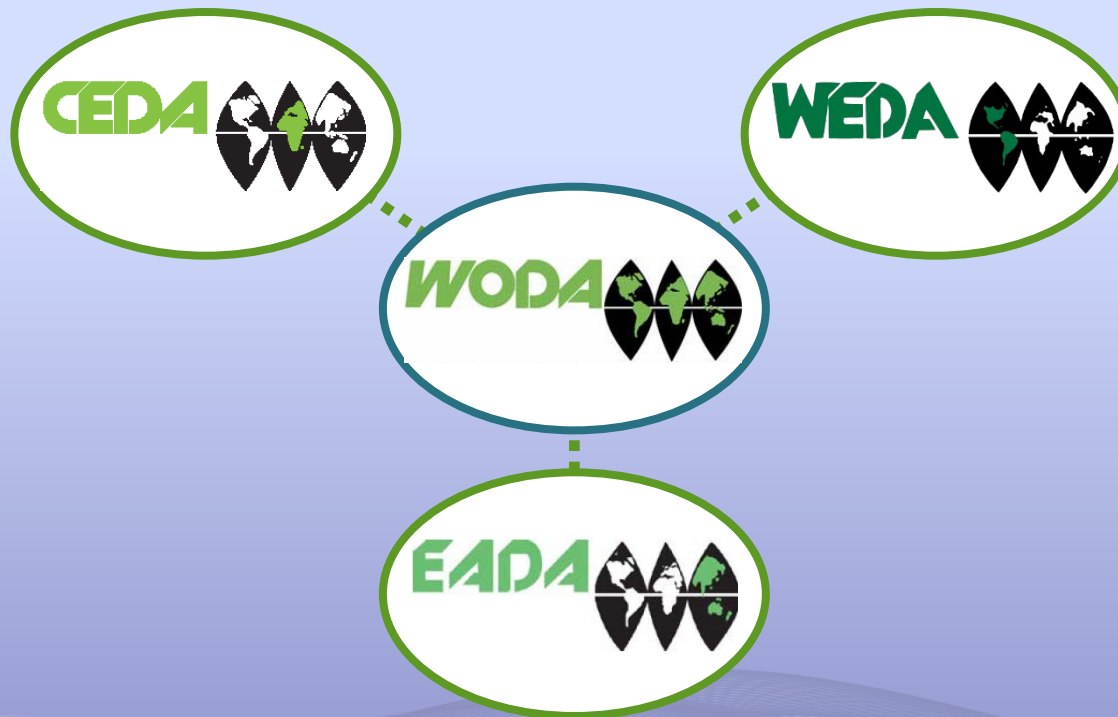
- *Population: ~450,000*
- *20% increase since 2000*
- *Gender split: Roughly even*
- *Mean age: 39*
- *Median home value: ~\$225K*

- *Local contribution*
 - *200,000 port-related jobs*
 - *~ 18 billion economic input*



- *Eleventh largest U.S. container port*
- *2,500 vessel arrivals per year*
- *7.5 million tons of cargo*
- *> 5 million passengers (cruise)*

WELCOME TO OUR DIGNITARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD!



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

- *Daily plenaries*
 - *Dredging in Florida (Mr. Belk, SES, USACE)*
 - *Safety accountability*
 - *USACE navigation successes and challenges*
 - *Sustainability in dredging*
- *Concurrent sessions with different focus (3-4)*
- *Panels on special topics or projects*
- *Guest luncheon speaker (Tuesday) – Carnival*
- *Gala dinner (Thursday)*
- *Evening social functions (daily!)*



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INNOVATIONS IN
DREDGING

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ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment

