

COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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About this Session: ARRA and AMAC are honored to be joined by two accomplished airport leaders. Lester Sola, Director and Chief Executive Officer of Miami-Dade Aviation Department and Bill Kirk, Partner at the international law firm K&L Gates. These two accomplished leaders will weigh in on the current state and outlook of the aviation industry with a particular focus on ACDBEs. They will discuss actions and strategies their organizations are taking to survive and revive and ARRA's *Facing Facts* report.

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Lester Sola, *Director and Chief Executive Officer*
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Oversees operations at MIA and four general aviation airports, which generated \$31.9b in business revenue and supported more than 275,000 direct/indirect jobs in 2019. Also responsible for: the reorganization of several County departments; coordination/refocusing of the capital program at MIA; the establishment of small/minority-based programs for the procurement of goods/services; establishment of centralized systems for the tracking of County capital expansion programs and professional services; and management direction to County departments, management agreements and agencies such as Aviation, Seaport, Beacon Council, Performing Arts Center and the American Airlines Arena.



Bill Kirk, *Partner*
K & L Gates

Lobbies Congress/Executive Branch agencies on behalf of AMAC to protect and preserve the Federal DBE and ACDBE Programs. AMAC has been at the forefront of every national policy decision impacting the DBE/ACDBE Programs, including recent findings to support the continued need for these programs to address race and gender discrimination in airport-related business. Bill also represents clients with emphasis on tax, financial services, corporate, and transportation and infrastructure matters. He previously served as an advisor to Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) and as a senior staff member of the House Ways and Means Committee including serving as Staff Director of the Committee's Oversight panel then chaired by Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY).