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CAROLLO ENGINEERS EMBRACES MIAMI-DADE YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Walnut Creek, California. – <u>Carollo Engineers</u> is a proud partner with the Miami-Dade School Board, the Board of County Commissioners, the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, and The Children's Trust, in Miami-Dade County's <u>Youth Summer Internship Program</u>. With the addition of 1,300 jobs and internships to the area, local students have the opportunity to gain rewarding, workplace experiences – providing them with the chance to learn the skills necessary for their prospective career choices.

"The engineering industry depends on our students becoming the next generation of great engineers," said Bob Cushing, Senior Vice President, Carollo Engineers. "Getting kids of all ages interested in science, math, and engineering is key to making sure our industry can continue to find solutions to sustain and enhance our nation's critical water supplies. We are proud to be part of Miami's program to train and develop talented students in the communities we serve."

Carollo selected Thomas Concepcion as a paid summer intern in our Miami office, where he has been learning about the water engineering industry, career opportunities, and what educational avenues are available after he graduates from high school. Nationally, engineering academies have struggled to find real world applications for their students, and there is a large need for engineering companies to bring interns into the industry. Carollo is proud to help fill that need.

"Until recently I wanted to become a doctor," said Thomas. "But my high school engineering classes changed my career goals. During my internship with Carollo, I've been able to see the 'behind the scenes' side of engineering – from participating in workshops, to touring water treatment plants to see how they work. Spending time with Carollo has given me a deeper appreciation for the realities of engineering and what I can look forward to by continuing my goal of becoming an engineer."

The County has provided \$1.7 million toward the program through legislation sponsored by Commissioner Xavier Suarez, in addition to \$750,000 from The Children's Trust. 10 percent of the jobs will go to children with special needs. Students will not only receive compensation from the grant, but will also receive honors academic credits for their internship. In addition to furthering their academic and career pursuits, the program will help keep local students occupied with safe, productive activities.

About Carollo Engineers

At Carollo Engineers, water is our focus, our business, and our passion. For more than 80 years, Carollo has provided a full range of innovative planning, design and construction management services to meet the water and wastewater needs of municipalities, public agencies, private developers, and industrial firms. To learn more about how Carollo is "Working Wonders With Water®", call (800) 523-5826 or visit www.carollo.com.

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