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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sam joined the Broward County Library System in the mid 1980s, and was Deputy Director when the Main Library opened in 1984. He moved to Chicago shortly thereafter as Deputy Commissioner/Chief Librarian for the Chicago Public Library. It was during his tenure that the design competition was held for the Harold Washington Center, the CPL's Central Library. Sam returned to Fort Lauderdale in 1990 as Director. Under his leadership the library was named *Library Journal's* Library of the Year in 1996. Major partnerships were established with the Broward County Community College resulting in two large regional libraries. Most recently, the partnership with Nova Southeastern University was culminated with the opening of a new 300,000 SF facility that houses a branch of the public library. Other partnerships developed under his direction include ones with banks, art museums, and public schools. The newly opened African-American Research Center and Cultural Center is the crowning jewel in Sam's distinguished career. He retired as Director April 2003.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Morrison directed the expansion of the Broward County Libraries Division with the addition of several new regional and branch libraries, an all new Rare Books Room in the Main Library, and the groundbreaking and construction of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center. Under his leadership Broward County was -- and is -- one of the leading public library systems in the country in partnerships and joint-use facilities. He was responsible for the combination of the public library and Nova Southeastern University, a new 300,000 square foot building that opened in 2002. Two of the system's regional libraries are partnerships with Broward County Community College -- the South Country Regional of 65,000 SF (to be expanded) and the North County Regional of 105,000 SF.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE WITH PROVIDENCE *Associates Inc*

For PROVIDENCE *Associates Inc*, Sam has recently been involved in the following projects:

- Cleveland Public Library Neighborhood Library Facilities Master Plan
- District of Columbia Public Library, Main Library Assessment and Branch Libraries Evaluation
- Newark Public Library, Main Library Space Needs Assessment
- San Antonio Public Library, Strategic Plan.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Mr. Morrison has been and is active in his community. His activities include the following:

- Member, Board of Directors, Broward Public Library Foundation
- Member, Board of Directors, Gold Coast Jazz Society
- Member, Board of Directors, SOLINET

Sam received the SEFLIN 2002 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his exceptional support of libraries, literacy, and learning by inspiring others through his achievements and support. Previously, Mr. Morrison was:

- Recipient, DEMCO/BCALA Excellence in Librarianship Award, 1997
- Recipient, J.M. Moran African American Achievers Award, 1997.

EDUCATION

MLS, University of Illinois at Champaign
BA, California State University, Los Angeles