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## **Doors open at MIA's new car rental facility**

Local leaders celebrated the opening of Miami International Airport's new consolidated rental car facility Monday.

Rental car companies located both inside MIA and near the transportation hub are among the 16 companies that have either already relocated or plan to relocate to the Miami Rental Car Center, which is in close proximity to the travel center. The 3.4 million square foot facility houses the businesses within four levels, with the first three intended to accommodate the storage and maintenance of up to 6,500 vehicles, and the top floor dedicated to customer service.

"When you get to the airport and you [disembark] your flight, you go to the trains or the buses, and you will end up in this facility, and depending on which company you want, you will be going to a different level," said Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. "Upon that, you will pick up your car and you move out. It is going to be a very seamless process, and it was created with that in mind."

Those associated with the many-years-in-the-making project hope it will create new jobs and bring in additional tourist dollars. "You know, it truly is a win-win for Miami-Dade County," said Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez. "It's going to ease the congestion in Miami International Airport by about 30 percent, which is huge, and it's going to relieve that congestion feeling that you have when you go pick up somebody."