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WEIGHING DDA BOARD CHOICES: Downtown Development Agency received a record 26 applications to fill four vacant board-of-directors seats. The Forum Group's **Loretta Cockrum**, head of the authority's nominating committee, said the applicant pool was reduced to the 13 "best-qualified" applicants, out of which nine voiced a preference to represent the Brickell area. Ms. Cockrum said the candidates are positive individuals who are forward thinkers with broad-based interests. "We are looking at people who can contribute and not just show up to a board meeting." The final candidates are to be approved by the authority's current board members and then confirmed by the City of Miami commission.