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July 19, 2006

Michael Nardone
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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 06-43

Dear Mr. Nardone:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on July 13, 2006 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding whether your firm may serve as bond engineer for the Miami-Dade Department of Solid Waste and perform services for Swerdlow/Boca Developers related to the Munisport Landfill in North Miami.

In your request, you advised the Commission that the Munisport Landfill in North Miami is an environmental cleanup project that is being funded by Miami-Dade County solid waste bonds. Miami-Dade County has pledged 3.6 million dollars to the City of North Miami for a twelve-year period ending in 2015 for closure and cleanup of the landfill. The County will also provide funding for long-term monitoring and maintenance of the landfill. The bond engineer for the Miami-Dade Solid Waste department is responsible for monitoring the clean-up and making sure

that the funds are spent in accordance with the agreement.

In 2003, Miami-Dade County approved a ninety-nine year lease of the property from the City of North Miami to Preserve Partners, Inc. Preserve Partners, Inc. is an affiliate of Swerdlow Boca Developers. Swerdlow is building a mixed-use development on the property. Although North Miami retains legal responsibility for the clean-up of the landfill, Preserve Partners will assume actual responsibility for the cleanup and pay for any costs that exceed the County's contribution.

The Ethics Commission finds that URS may not provide bond engineering services to the Department of Solid Waste and provide engineering services in any capacity to Swerdlow related to the Munisport Landfill. URS may only simultaneously provide services to Solid Waste and Swerdlow if the solid waste contract does not include any oversight responsibility for the Munisport Landfill.

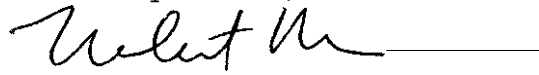
Under the Ethics Commission's prior contractor opinions, a contractor has an impermissible conflict if the firm provides oversight on a project on which the firm is also providing the services that are subject to oversight. The bond engineer is responsible for monitoring the use of the bond funds provided to North Miami and ensuring that the cleanup is proceeding according to schedule. That role is incompatible with providing engineering services related to the cleanup for the private developer. Therefore, URS may not serve as bond engineer and provide services to Swerdlow/Boca for the Munisport Landfill.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you

have any questions regarding possible conflicts under state law.

If you have any questions regarding this opinion, please call the undersigned at (305) 579-2594 or Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 350-0616.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Meyers", followed by a horizontal line.

Robert Meyers
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