

December 3, 2007

Maria H. Cereceda
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Via First Class Mail and Fax at 305 225-3335

Re: **INQ 07-172**

Kendall Lawn Equipment, Inc., may register as a County vendor, as long as Kendall Lawn Equipment, Inc., does not contract with or is not supervised by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department or Maria Cereceda.

Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at § 2-11.1 (c)

Dear Ms. Cereceda:

In correspondence to our office on November 27 and 29, 2007, you said that your husband wishes to register his business, Kendall Lawn Equipment, Inc., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

1. You are employed by the Miami-Dade County Aviation Department as a Airport Operations Senior Agent. As a Senior Agent, you are responsible for securing a safe and efficient environment in the airport by overseeing staffing requirements, performing inspections, and providing assistance to passengers, tenants, and visitors, as well as other related duties.
2. Kendall Lawn Equipment, Inc., is a Florida corporation owned by your husband, Alfonso Cereceda, and operates as retail store selling landscaping equipment, parts, and accessories.
3. Kendall Lawn Equipment, Inc., is seeking to register as a vendor in order to do business with the County.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission that Kendall Lawn Equipment, Inc., may contract with the County as long as entering into the contract will not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your duties to the County. This includes the requirement that you do not participate in determining or awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your job responsibilities and job descriptions may require you to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, you may not work in the County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

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