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Via First Class Mail

## Re: INQ 09-42 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Ms. Argilagos-Jimenez:

In correspondence to our office on March 21, 2009, you said that you wish to register your company, BABY ABUELITA PRODUCTIONS, LLC, as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Your spouse, Alejandro Jimenez, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department as a Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic.
- BABY ABUELITA PRODUCTIONS, LLC, is a business owned partially by you and in which you serve as Manager.
- **BABY ABUELITA PRODUCTIONS, LLC, deals in toys.**

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that BABY ABUELITA PRODUCTIONS, LLC, may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your husband's duties to the County. This includes the condition that Alejandro Jimenez not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of his job responsibilities and job descriptions may require him to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, Alejandro Jimenez may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. In other words, as long as your spouse is employed by the Fire Rescue Department, your company may not contract with the Fire Rescue Department.

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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