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Via Hand Delivery and email at SLabiste@carlabinc.com

Re: INQ 10-13 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Mr. Labiste:

In correspondence to our office on January 22, 2010, you said that you wish to register your company, CARLAB, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Your father, Carlos Labiste, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Building Department as a structural plan reviewer.
- CARLAB, INC., is a business owned by you that provides engineering design services.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that CARLAB, INC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your father's duties to the County. This includes the condition that your father, Carlos Labiste, will not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your father's responsibilities will 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, your father may not be employed by any County department or agency that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. This means that, **as long as your father, Carlos Labiste, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Building Department, your company may not contract with the Miami-Dade County Building 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,


VICTORIA FRIGO
Staff Attorney

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