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February 11, 2010

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David Pineda, Vice-President PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS, INC. 6551 NW 112 Place Doral, FL 33178

Re: INQ 10-29 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Mr. Pineda:

In correspondence to our office on February 11, 2010, you said that you wish to register your business, PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- 1. ESTHER ABOLILA is the wife of Alan Abolila, who has more than a 10% financial interest in PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS, INC.
- 2. ESTHER ABOLILA is Chief of Staff in the office of Joe Martinez, a Commissioner on the Miami-Dade BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
- 3. PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS, INC., provides janitorial and cleaning services.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS, INC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of ESTHER ABOLILA's duties to the County. This includes the condition that ESTHER ABOLILA not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of ESTHER ABOLILA's job responsibilities and job descriptions may require her to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, ESTHER ABOLILA may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract.

This opinion is consistent with previous ethics opinions dealing with County employees who work directly with the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and whose immediate family members seek to contract with the County.¹

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

copy: Esther Abolila at eca@miamidade.gov

¹ RQO 03-14, INQ 06-134, INQ 09-02, and INQ 09-67. Permission has also been given to an employee in the County Manager's Office (INQ 09-08) and the County Mayor's Office (INQ 09-15).