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June 10, 2011

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ARDYTH WALKER STAFF GENERAL COUNSEL Mohammad Hajjar M. HAJJAR & ASSOCIATES, INC. 45 Valencia Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: INQ 11-92, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Mr. Hajjar:

In correspondence to our office on June 9, 2011, you said that you wish to do business with the County through M. HAJJAR & ASSOCIATES, INC., your privately owned company that provides engineering services. Your spouse, Susan Hajjar, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Enterprise Technology Services Department (ETSD) as an Information Technology Specialist.

The County Ethics Code allows M. HAJJAR & ASSOCIATES, INC., to enter into contracts with all County departments except Miami-Dade County's ETSD because of your spouse's employment with ETSD.

Specifically, the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) allows your company to enter into a contract with Miami-Dade County as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your spouse's duties to the County. This includes the condition that Susan Hajjar does not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of her 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, Susan Hajjar may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer your contract. In your case, this means that you may not enter into contracts with ETSD.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

VICTORIA FRIGO Staff Attorney

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