INQ 05-64



April 28, 2005

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Dear Ms. Walker:

I am responding to our phone conversation on April 27, 2005. My company, Fire Lab 911, Inc. submitted a Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application to the Department of Procurement Management, signed April 10, 2005.

To clarify any questions regarding Section 9, "are any of the owners or principals in the firm, or their immediate family members, an employee of Miami-Dade County" and my sister Carla Napoleon as a Fire Fighter with Miami Dade Fire Rescue, I was told by the Ethics Commission sisters are not considered "immediate family". I am aware that Dade County defines "immediate family" as:

> Mother/Father Son/Daughter Husband/Wife

Dade County does not consider SIBLINGS to be immediate family. In addition, my company does business directly with the Fire Department. Carla Napoleon has nothing to do with the "bidding" process, nor does she work in the Research and Development Office of the Fire Department, or the office of Procurement.

I'm writing you to confirm this information to alleviate any confusion in the future. Please respond, via e-mail to <u>firelabmauzey@aol.com</u> for my records.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to e-mail me or call 877-firelab (877-347-3522).

Thank You. With kind regards, Gina Mauzey

## Walker, Ardyth (COE)

From:	Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Sent:	Monday, May 02, 2005 1:26 PM
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Subject:	Inquiry 05- 64

Per your e-mail and our telephone conversation, you informed me that your company, Fire Lab 911, is seeking to contract with the Miami-Dade County Department of Fire Rescue. Your sister, Carla Napoleon is a firefighter for Miami-Dade County. You stated that your sister does not have any procurement responsibilities or research and development responsibilities for the Department of Fire Rescue. The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits your company to contract with all county departments. A sibling is not considered immediate family for purposes of the Conflict of Interest ordinance. "Immediate family" is defined as spouse, parents and children. Therefore, you may contract with the Department of Fire Rescue.