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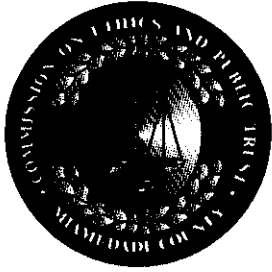
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Dear Mr. Villalobos:

I am in receipt of a fax you sent Ardyth Walker and I wanted to provide you with a prompt reply. Under the earlier version of the Cone of Silence, which I assume was in effect at the time of bid solicitation identified in your letter of April 3, 2002, once the bid is advertised the Cone of Silence applies. Based on the facts you have provided in your letter, written communications of this nature between County staff and proposers would be legally permissible.

If you wish to discuss this matter with me in greater detail, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers
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Subject: Bid Solicitation issue

COMMENTS:

Please see letter attached regarding the above-captioned matter.

*Please deliver to Ms.
 Walker right away!
 Thank you*

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RE: Bid Solicitation issue

Dear Ms. Walker:

Pursuant to our conversation, following is my written inquiry as to Miami-Dade County's Cone of Silence.

In the case of a Bid Solicitation where there is a conflict between a checklist asserting that in deed there is a bid bond included in the bid proposal and the allegations of County staff that there was no bid bond in the bid proposal, does the Cone of Silence prohibit County staff from inquiring in writing from bidders as to the alleged discrepancy between the checklist and the contents of the bid package?

As I explained to you, this matter is before Judge Leonard Rivkind who has advised all pertinent parties of a deadline of tomorrow afternoon in which to submit additional law.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. You may fax your response to the above-listed facsimile number.

Sincerely,

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