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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: Emilio Gonzalez/

Case No: 11-15

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Advocate filed the above-captioned complaint against Emilio Gonzalez ("Respondent") for alleged violation of Section 2-11.1(t)(Cone of Silence). The complaint alleged the Respondent met with a county commissioner regarding a covered solicitation.

The Respondent is President and CEO of INDRA USA. INDRA submitted a response to RFP 725 for the Metrorail Central Control Center Upgrade. After receiving notification that the selection committee had recommended another vendor for the award, the Respondent met with Chairman Joe Martinez of the Board of County Commissioners. The Cone of Silence remained in effect because the County Manager had not issued a written recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Further, the Respondent had not registered as a lobbyist with Miami-Dade County.

On July 19, 2011, the Respondent stipulated to legal sufficiency and probable cause regarding this matter. On

July 26, 2011, the Advocate presented a proposed settlement agreement. Under the proposed agreement, the Respondent pled no contest to the Cone of Silence violation and the Advocate agreed to dismiss the lobbying violation with a letter of instruction. Further, the Respondent agreed to pay a fine of five hundred dollars for violation of Count I of the complaint.

After reviewing the pleadings, hearing the argument of the Advocate and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics Commission approved the proposed settlement agreement.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust in public session on July 26, 2011.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST

By:

cc: Pablo Acosta, Attorney for Respondent