

August 21, 2008

George L. Perez, President  
LEITER, PEREZ & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
160 NW 176<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 403  
Miami, FL 33169

**Via First Class Mail  
and  
Fax at 305.652.0411**

**Re: INQ 08-141**

LEITER, PEREZ & ASSOCIATES, INC., may register as a County vendor, as long as LEITER, PEREZ & ASSOCIATES, INC., does not contract with the County **Water & Sewer** Department and the County **Consumer Services** Department and/or is not supervised by these departments or by **Kenia Gonzalez** and/or **Sonya M. Perez**. (Miami-Dade Co. Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at § 2-11.1 (c) & (d).)

Dear Mr. Perez:

In correspondence to our office on August 1 and August 21, 2008, you said that you wish to register your business, LEITER, PEREZ & ASSOCIATES, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

1. Your spouse, Kenia Gonzalez, is an Engineer 2 with the Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department.
2. Your daughter, Sonya M. Perez, is a Public Relations & Outreach Specialist with the Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department.
3. LEITER, PEREZ & ASSOCIATES, INC., a business managed by you as Principal and President, specializes in civil engineering work.
4. LEITER, PEREZ & ASSOCIATES, INC., is seeking to register as a vendor in order to do business with the County.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission that LEITER, PEREZ & ASSOCIATES, INC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of Kenia Gonzalez's and Sonya M. Perez's duties to the County. This includes the requirement that Kenia Gonzalez and Sonya M. Perez not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of Kenia Gonzalez's and Sonya M. Perez's job responsibilities and job descriptions may require them to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, Kenia Gonzalez and Sonya M. Perez may not work in any County departments that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract.

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