

November 26, 2008

Angel Fernandez, President
COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL GROUP CO.
7542 SW 187TH St.
Cutler Bay, FL 33157

**Via First Class Mail
and
Fax at 305 854.0708**

Re: INQ 08-177

COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL GROUP CO. may register as a County vendor, as long as COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL GROUP CO. does not contract with or is supervised by the County Department of **Human Services** and/or by **Elizabeth Fernandez**. (Miami-Dade Co. Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at §§ 2-11.1 (c) & (d).)

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

In correspondence to our office on November 21, 2008, you said that you wish to register your business, COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL GROUP CO., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

1. Your spouse, Elizabeth Fernandez, is a Social Worker I with the Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services.
2. COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL GROUP CO., a business managed by you as Principal and President, engages primarily in commercial real estate appraisal.
3. COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL GROUP CO. is seeking to register as a vendor in order to do business with the County.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission that COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL GROUP CO. may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of Elizabeth Fernandez's duties to the County. This includes the requirement that Elizabeth Fernandez not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of Elizabeth Fernandez's 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, Elizabeth Fernandez may not work in any County department 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