

May 29, 2008

Mildred Edwards, Vice-President
MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC.
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Via First Class Mail and Fax at 305.884.1264 and 305.326.9310

Re: INQ 08-90 MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC., may register as a County vendor, as long as MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC., does not contract with the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department and/or is not supervised by the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department or Fire Lieutenant Michael A. Edwards.

Miami-Dade Co. Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at § 2-11.1 (c) & (d).

Dear Ms. Edwards:

In correspondence to our office on May 28, 2008, you said that you wish to register your business, MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

1. Your son, Michael A. Edwards, works for the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department as a Fire Lieutenant.
2. MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC., a business in which you serve as Vice-President, is a wholesale distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables.
3. MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, 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 MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC., may register to contract with the County as long any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of Michael A. Edwards' duties to the County. This includes the requirement that Michael A. Edwards not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of Michael A. Edwards' job responsibilities and job descriptions may require him to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, Michael A. Edwards may not work in the 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