August 25, 2009

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Via First Class Mail and email at x51jetcenter@yahoo.com

Re: INQ 09-144 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Ms. Gores and Mr. Starkweather:

In correspondence to our office on August 23, 2009, you said that you wish to register your company, BFFE, INC., dba HOMESTEAD EXECUTIVE JET CENTER, as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Ms. Gores is employed by Jackson Memorial Hospital as a Registered Nurse.
- Mr. Starkweather serves as a volunteer board member on the Miami-Dade County Unsafe Structures Advisory Board.
- BFFE, INC., dba HOMESTEAD EXECUTIVE JET CENTER, is a business owned by you and in which Ms. Gores serves as President.
- BFFE, INC., dba HOMESTEAD EXECUTIVE JET CENTER, provides fuel and other services for small aircraft at the Homestead General Airport.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that BFFE, INC., dba HOMESTEAD EXECUTIVE JET CENTER, may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of Ms. Gores' duties to Jackson Memorial Hospital and Mr. Starkweather's duties the County.

This includes the condition that neither of you participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, neither of you may be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, Ms. Gores and Mr. Starkweather may not be employed by or volunteer on any County board or agency that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. In other words, based on your current work and volunteer status with the County, **your company may not contract with Jackson Memorial Hospital nor with the County if Jackson Memorial Hospital or the Unsafe Structures Board would 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,

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VICTORIA FRIGO
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