

March 2, 2009

William A. Lopez, Sr., Treasurer
BUENA VISTA SECURITY & PROTECTION AGENCY, LLC
4300 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 301
Miami, FL 33137

Via First Class Mail and Fax at 305 573-6016

Re: INQ 09-31 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Mr. Lopez:

In correspondence to our office on February 24, 2009, you said that you wish to register your business, BUENA VISTA SECURITY & PROTECTION AGENCY, LLC, as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Your son, WILLIAM LOPEZ, JR., is a police officer in the Miami-Dade County POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- BUENA VISTA SECURITY & PROTECTION AGENCY, LLC, a business in which you serve as Treasurer and have a financial interest, provides security guard services.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that BUENA VISTA SECURITY & PROTECTION AGENCY may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of OFFICER LOPEZ's duties to the County. This includes the condition that WILLIAM LOPEZ, JR., not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of OFFICER LOPEZ's 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, WILLIAM LOPEZ, JR., may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. In other words, as long as OFFICER LOPEZ is employed by the POLICE DEPARTMENT, your company may not contract with the POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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