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Via First Class Mail and Email at [paty.villa70@gmail.com](mailto:paty.villa70@gmail.com)

**Re: INQ 09-44 Registering as a County Vendor**

Dear Ms. Villa:

In correspondence to our office on March 31, 2009, you said that you wish to register your company, GEPAT CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CORP., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Your father, Gerardo Villa, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department as a Plant Electrician.
- GEPAT CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CORP. is a business owned partially by you and in which you serve as President.
- GEPAT CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CORP. deals in construction contracting.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that GEPAT CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CORP. may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your father's duties to the County. This includes the condition that Gerardo Villa not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of his 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, Gerardo Villa may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. In other words, **as long as your father is employed by the Water & Sewer Department, your company may not contract with the Water & Sewer 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