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Hugo Arturo Morales
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Via First Class Mail and email at hugomorales3@msn.com

Re: INQ 09-78 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Mr. Morales:

In correspondence to our office on May 19, 2009, you said that you wish to register your company, HUGO MORALES & ASSOCIATES, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Your wife, Elizabeth Morales, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department as an Account Clerk in the Controller Division.
- HUGO MORALES & ASSOCIATES, INC., is a business owned by you and in which you serve as President.
- HUGO MORALES & ASSOCIATES, INC., is a roofing and construction company.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that HUGO MORALES & ASSOCIATES, INC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your wife's duties to the County. This includes the condition that Elizabeth Morales will not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of her responsibilities will 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, your wife may not be employed by any County department or agency that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. Therefore, **as long as your wife, Elizabeth Morales, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department, your company may not contract with the Miami-Dade County 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "V Frigo".

VICTORIA FRIGO
Staff Attorney

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