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**Re: INQ 09-81 Registering as a County Vendor**

Dear Ms. Garcia:

On June 4, 2009, Gicela Pino, a representative of your company, stated that you wish to register your company, SECURITY FIRE PREVENTION, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Your spouse, Manuel Jesus Infante, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department as meter repair technician.
- SECURITY FIRE PREVENTION, INC., is a business partially owned by you and in which you serve as President.
- SECURITY FIRE PREVENTION, INC., deals in fire extinguishers and other fire suppression products.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that SECURITY FIRE PREVENTION, INC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your spouse's duties to the County. This includes the condition that Manuel Infante will not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of his responsibilities will 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, your spouse may not be employed by any County department or agency that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. Therefore, **as long as your spouse, Manuel Jesus Infante, 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,

VICTORIA FRIGO  
Staff Attorney