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

Re: INQ 10-28 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Sergeant Owens:

In correspondence to our office on February 9, 2010, you said that you wish to register your company as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- You are employed by the Miami-Dade Police Department as a Police Sergeant.
- Fabian Owens, an immediate family member, is employed by the Miami-Dade Police Department as a Police Officer.
- You wish to register your privately owned business, ARIES FORENSIC BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICES, INC., as a County vendor.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that you may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your duties or the duties of your immediate family member to the County. This includes the condition that you and your immediate family member will not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your responsibilities will require either of you to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, you and your immediate family member may not be employed by any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. This means that **as long as you and your immediate family member are employed by the Miami-Dade Police Department, ARIES FORENSIC BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICES, INC., may not contract with the Miami-Dade Police Department. See County Code at Section 2-11.1 (c) & (d).**

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