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Julio C. Hernández
UNIVERSAL CLEANING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION, INC.
14399 SW 143 Ct., #103
Miami, FL 33186

Re: INQ 10-74 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Mr. Hernández:

In correspondence to our office on April 22, 2010, you said that you wish to register your company, UNIVERSAL CLEANING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

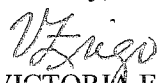
- Your brother, Jorge C. Hernández, is employed by Miami-Dade County General Services Administration (GSA) as Power Systems Technician.
- UNIVERSAL CLEANING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION, INC., is a corporation that is owned by you and Maria E. Perez and in which you serve as President.

The Miami-Dade County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (b)(9) defines immediate family members as spouse, parents, and children. Brothers are not included in the definition. Consequently, nothing in the County Ethics Code prohibits you from entering into any contracts with any department or agency of the County.

Please be advised, however, that the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (g) prohibits your brother from using his official position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or others. Although not required by law, Jorge C. Hernández may wish to disassociate himself from any matters involving UNIVERSAL CLEANING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION, INC., to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

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

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