

## **Frigo, Victoria (COE)**

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**From:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 3:39 PM  
**To:** 'Pepe, Thomas F.'  
**Cc:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** Madison Square Solicitation and Cone of Silence (INQ 13-65)

Mr. Pepe,

The Cone of Silence is not violated for "*duly noticed* site visits to determine the competency of bidders." See the Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (t)1.(a)(v).

Similarly, the community may provide input during the time the Cone of Silence is in effect as long as their comments are presented at a *duly noticed* public meeting. See the Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (t)1.(c)(i).

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 8:28 AM  
**To:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Cc:** Steven J. Alexander  
**Subject:** Madison Square Solicitation and Cone of Silence

Dear Ms. Frigo:

The City of South Miami's Community Redevelopment Agency ("SMCRA") published a solicitation for interested parties to submit letters of interest and qualifications for the selection of the most qualified entity to negotiate a contract for the design and development of the Madison Square project in the City of South Miami CRA area.

Presentations were made at the Monday, March 11, 2013, SMCRA meeting by the respondents to the solicitation ("Respondent(s)"). Some of the CRA members would like to visit the site of the development of a similar project constructed by one of the Respondents. They also want some community input, including the input of the CAC or CAA, and a work shop where the community will be invited, before making the selection of the most qualified Respondent.

I discouraged having private community input and cautioned them on having any communication during a site visit and I advised them today that the site visit, if any, must be duly noticed.

Do you see a problem with the citizen input and/or the site visit?

Very truly yours,

*Thomas F. Pepe*

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