



Memorandum

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To: The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
The Honorable Chairperson Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: *CM* Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General

Date: June 30, 2010

Re: OCED Grant Recipient Sentenced on Uttering Forged Instruments and Notary Fraud, IG08-13

Abdallah Masoud Mustafa (Mustafa), the President of Rezkita Corporation, was debarred from doing business with the County today. Rezkita Corporation owns the M&M Supermarket in Homestead, a recipient of a community redevelopment grant with the Office of Community and Economic Development, now the Office of Housing and Community Development. An investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the State Attorney's Office (SAO) uncovered that Mustafa forged required insurance certificates to obtain the OCED grant. Mustafa also notarized his own signature on documents submitted to the County. The County, relying on the fraudulent certificates and paperwork submitted by Mustafa and the Rezkita Corporation, paid various companies over \$49,000 for improvements to the M&M Supermarket.

Mustafa plead guilty to five (5) counts of Notary Fraud and six (6) counts of Uttering Forged Instruments, all felonies of the third degree. As part of the disposition of the case he will forfeit his notary commission, will be debarred from contracting with the County for five (5) years, and will pay the costs of investigation to the OIG and the costs of prosecution to the SAO. Rezkita Corporation will also be debarred from contracting with the County for five (5) years, pursuant to County Code 10-38.

The OIG is grateful to the Office of Housing and Community Development for bringing the case to our attention, and for their cooperation with the investigation.

cc: Mr. George Burgess, County Manager
Ms. Irene Taylor-Wooten, Assistant to the County Manager
Ms. Shalley Jones Horn, Director, Office of Housing and Community Development
Ms. Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit & Management Services
Mr. Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor

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