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MEMORANDUM

To: Evan Lukic, County Auditor
Thru: Pamela D. Brangaecio, County Administrator *P.D.B.*
From: Phillip C. Allen, Port Director *P.C.A.*
Date: June 6, 2007
Re: **Response to Auditors' Compliance Review**
Port Everglades Department Delegated Purchases Review

We have read the County Auditor's Report No. 07-19, dated May 23, 2007 and concur with his findings and recommendations.

Finding

Our testing disclosed compliance with delegated purchasing policies except for five instances of non-compliance with SBE requirements.

Management Response

In an effort to ensure that Port Everglades delegated purchases complied with Broward County's Business Opportunity Act of 2004, Port CABS reviewed the Certified Firm Directory website, however did not understand the difference between SBE, WBE, MBE certifications, and in the above mentioned five instances, awarded to non-SBE vendors. They were awarded to otherwise certified firms. Although CABS did not award the purchase to SBE vendors, the effort to comply with the ordinance was evidenced in the process.

The Port Everglades Department will follow up with Small Business Development and Purchasing Divisions to request additional training to explain and clarify different vendor certifications.

We thank your staff for the professional manner the audit was conducted; the courtesies extended to staff, and we look forward to working with Small Business Development Division and the Purchasing Division to enhance our knowledge of the SBE Program.

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cc: Pia Thompson, Director, Business Administration Division
Irene Costa, Senior Administrative Analyst

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