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June 5, 2012

Mr. Pat Salerno
City Manager
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

RE: Letter of Commendation for Ms. Carmen Olazabal

Dear Mr. Manager:

On behalf of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to acknowledge the professional and exceptional performance by an outstanding member of your team, Ms. Carmen Olazabal. As Director of Building & Zoning, Ms. Olazabal has been a key element in the success of the Coral Gables Permitting Assistance Program that we established as a partnership between our respective organizations in an effort to retain, attract and create new jobs in Coral Gables.

We are proud to report that this program has been successfully implemented over the past two years with significant results in both job creation and capital investment. First, we partnered together and hosted a permitting assistance workshop targeted to assist small businesses in Coral Gables and second, we assisted targeted companies by helping facilitate their permitting requirements.

To date, we are pleased to report that we have completed three projects that combined have a total job retention and creation impact of 313 jobs and a projected capital investment of \$26.6 million.

We could not have been successful without such highly qualified and dedicated City professionals like Ms. Olazabal. You certainly hired the right person for this important position at the City and we commend you on your selection of such a fine professional who understands the importance of ease of entry into the market for a business.

We are currently working on other projects that will have additional large and positive impacts on our Coral Gables economy and look forward to continuing our partnership in this economic development program that we believe is making a significant contribution to the benefit of the City, its businesses and citizens.

Regards,

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