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Anthony E. DeSimone, Jr.
President & CEO
Tri-State Enterprises
1270 Mineral Spring Avenue
Suite 12
North Providence, RI 02904

Re: Tri-State (the "Company")
State Janitorial/Maintenance Contract(s)

Dear Mr. DeSimone, Jr.:

In light of the activity conducted by the federal immigration agents and the state police yesterday resulting in the arrest of employees of Tri-State Enterprises (the "Company") who are allegedly not authorized to work in the United States, it is incumbent on the State to determine whether the Company is in compliance with its contractual commitments to the State. It has also come to our attention that the Company failed to perform its services at certain State facilities over the past couple of days. This gives us great concern that the Company may be unable to perform its obligations under the State contract(s).

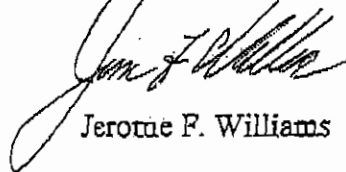
As you are aware, your Company is obligated by federal law to document that its employees (both citizens and non-citizens) are authorized to work in the United States. Non-compliance of this federal requirement may result in termination of the Company's State contract(s) and suspension or debarment from bidding on future state procurements. Based on the concerns noted above regarding your obligations, it's requested that the Company please respond in writing to the following immediately:

1. Confirm that while under contract with the State, the Company has documented and will continue to document that its employees are authorized to work in the United States as required by federal law and describe the procedures and documentation obtained to comply with such requirements.

2. Confirm that while under contract with the State, the Company has employed and will only employ persons who are authorized to work in the United States as required by federal law.
3. Explain the reason the Company did not perform its services as required under the contract(s).
4. Confirm that the Company has the ability to and will fully perform its services as required under its State contract(s).

I am also requesting an in person meeting at my office to discuss these issues on Monday, July 21, 2008, at 2:30 PM. Failure to respond to this request may subject the Company to immediate termination of its State contract(s). Please contact my secretary, Suzanne Amerault, at 401-222-2280 to confirm the time for this meeting.

Sincerely,



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cc: Lorraine Hynes, Purchasing