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Mr. John Fikaris
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  of Florida, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Fikaris:

> Subject: Midwest Industrial Painting
>   of Florida, Inc.
>   Contract No. F08650-85-C-0003
>   DOL File No. 4-85-FL-135

The Assistant Administrator, Employment Standards Administra-
tion, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated
March 3, 1986, recommended to our Office that Midwest
Industrial Painting of Florida, Inc., and John Fikaris,
individually and as President of Midwest Industrial Painting
of Florida, Inc., be placed on the ineligible bidders list
for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. § 276a-5
(1982), with respect to the above-referenced contract.

We concur with the Assistant Administrator's recommendation.
The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is
to debar persons or firms whom he finds have disregarded
their obligations to employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C.
§ 276a-2. Our review of the record confirms that there were
substantial violations in this case which constitute a
disregard of obligations to employees with respect to the
minimum wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Accordingly, Midwest Industrial Painting of Florida, Inc.,
and John Fikaris, individually and as President of Midwest
Industrial Painting of Florida, Inc., will be included on a
list to be distributed to all departments of the Government.
Pursuant to statutory direction at 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2, no

contract shall be awarded to them or to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which they, or any of them, have an interest until 3 years have elapsed from the date of publication of such list.

Sincerely yours,

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