## JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION



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## TO OUR VENDORS AND SUPPLIERS:

As you probably know by now, Jefferson County filed for chapter 9 bankruptcy protection on November 9, 2011. The County filed for chapter 9 so it can pursue a readjustment of its debts under the protection of the federal bankruptcy laws. While it is in chapter 9, the County will continue to operate its business and affairs in the ordinary course.

Maintaining business relationships with the County's vendors and suppliers is critical to the County's restructuring efforts. Accordingly, the County Commission has resolved that it will pay its trade debts that arose before the County filed for chapter 9 as and when those debts become due, so long as the vendor to whom such debt is due continues to provide goods and services to the County while it is in chapter 9 on the same terms that it provided goods and services to the County before it filed for chapter 9. Also, any goods and services provided to the County after it filed for chapter 9 will, of course, be paid by the County in accordance with the parties' agreed upon terms.

The County appreciates greatly the support that our vendors and suppliers have provided us over the years and continue to provide. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Tony Petelos
County Manager