

Mr. Kruge,

The TampaBayGuardian.Com (TBG) is a highly visited news and investigative reporting website operated by unpaid citizen reporters. Relevantly, TBG broke the story about the [private jet trips provided to HCPS \(Hillsborough County Public Schools\)](#) employees and officials, and [subsequent troubling revelations involving HCPS](#).

As the Director of Operations, you have been intimately involved with the Tomlin Middle School Construction project (henceforth "the Tomlin Project") that CORE contracted with HCPS for. We have known for weeks about certain allegations about CORE's management of the Tomlin project. However, it is only now that we have decided to turn our attention to CORE's (and your) actions and possible inactions in the Tomlin Project.

Please provide answers and comments, if any, by 5 P.M. Tuesday November 12.

If you and CORE need more time than that to fully respond, let me know, but then please respond immediately to what you can respond to.

1. What is the official Substantial Completion Date for the Tomlin Project?
2. Did you personally receive reports of suspicious payments and/or bid rigging and/or suspicious (and therefore potentially unlawful) practices (collectively "Reports") involving the Tomlin Project?

If so, provide those Reports pursuant to the Florida Public Records Law ([Chapter 119](#)), and also pursuant any contractual obligations you have (or [should have by law](#), yet [may not have due to corruption at HCPS](#)).

3. If you did receive Reports, what action did you take in response to the Reports? For example, did you hand it over to your firm's general counsel?
4. Apart from you personally, do you know if other CORE employees involved in the Tomlin Project received Reports involving the Tomlin MS project?

If so, provide those Reports pursuant to the Florida Public Records Law.

5. Are you or any employee of CORE aware of any unlicensed contractors being used on the Tomlin project?
6. Are you or any employee of CORE aware that CORE for the Tomlin project used firms controlled by immediate family members of HCPS employees? And that one of those family members is the son of Benjamin Moore, Sr., who is employed by HCPS.
7. Please provide a copy of CORE's policy for how its employees are to handle allegations of suspicious payments, bid rigging, or suspicious practices that are therefore potentially unlawful.
8. See the attached "Early Payment Agreement" ("EP Agreement") involving the Tomlin Project which you today have provided to certain businesses who performed work as subcontractors on the Tomlin Project. Questions about the "EP Agreement":

a/ respectfully, the EP Agreement appears legally flawed and doesn't look like an agreement generated by an attorney.

Did an attorney acting on behalf of CORE create the EP Agreement?

b/ it says "C A" under "Author" in the document properties. Who is said C A?

c/ What rational basis does CORE have to *"deduct 10% from the total amount as compensation for processing of said Early Payment"* from payments to subcontractor?

d/ Are all subcontractors being asked to give CORE a 10% discount on the Tomlin Project? If not all, pursuant to the Florida Public Records Law ([§ 119](#)), provide records showing which ones have been paid in full.