

PALMER CHARLES ROBERT
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March 31, 2005

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPT SOLICITATION
Submitted pursuant to rule 14a-6(g)**

1. Name of registrant:

Rowan Companies, Inc.

2. Name of person relying on exemption:

C.R. Palmer

3. Address of person relying on exemption:

520 Post Oak Boulevard
Suite 780
Houston, TX 77027

4. Written materials. The following written material is attached:

Exhibit 1: Press release by C. R. Palmer dated March 31, 2005.
