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Subject: Pete Betancourt, Senior Procurement Contracting Officer, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (Conflict of Interest, Outside Employment) INQ 15-204

INQ 15-204 Betancourt

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 5:16 PM
To: Betancourt, Pete J. (Aviation)
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Subject: INQ 15-203, INQ 15-204, INQ 15-205 Pete Betancourt, Senior Procurement Contracting Officer, Miami-Dade Aviation Department (Conflict of Interest, Outside Employment)

Mr. Betancourt:

In response to the three issues raised in your email, please be advised as follows:

- 2- Miami-Dade Aviation Department may request contract references from Mr. Jose Abreu, former Aviation Director, and Mr. Juan Carlos Arteaga, former WASD Deputy Director for Regulatory Compliance & Capital Improvements, as long as they are compliant with the two-year rule under Section 2-11.1(q). If either Mr. Abreu or Mr. Arteaga is less than two years from his termination date from County employment, then he should not be lobbying on behalf of any entity appearing before a County advisory board, pursuant to Section 2-11.1(q). Merely providing a reference at the request of the County would not be considered lobbying, but any other attempt on the part of such an individual to influence a County board could be a violation of the rule prohibiting former County employees from lobbying the County for a period of two years. If either Mr. Abreu or Mr. Arteaga is employed by or has a current business relationship with the entity, I would advise against asking them for such a reference. If the sole basis of the reference is their experience with the firm while in County employment, then I would not see a problem with it.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino
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Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Betancourt, Pete J. (Aviation) [<mailto:PJBETANCOURT@miami-airport.com>]
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Subject: FW: Opinions - Evaluation/Selection Committee Member and Former County Employees

Importance: High

Good morning Mr. Centorino.

The Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) seeks the following opinions from your office:

Opinion

1

Respondents (Vendors) have listed Ms. Aida Bao-Garciga, MDAD Chief Contracts & Construction, as contract reference. Ms. Bao-Garciga has been appointed to the Evaluation/Selection Committee (Committee).

MDAD is in the process of conducting reference checks (project questionnaires) and would like to know if Ms. Bao-Garciga can provide the required references and feedback.

Opinion

2

Respondent listed in its submittal Mr. Jose Abreu, former Aviation Director as contract reference and Mr. Juan Carlos Arteaga, former WASD, Deputy Director for Regulatory Compliance & Capital Improvements.

Can MDAD requests contract references from the two (2) former Miami-Dade County employees (Mr. Abreu and Mr. Arteaga)?

Opinion

3

The Aviation Department often utilizes external (non-County) candidates to serve on evaluation selection committees. Mr. Robert Binish, Vice President of AvairPros, has also been appointed to the Committee for the same solicitation. One of the Respondents has listed Mr. Jeff Woosman, Project Manager, with AvairPros as a contract reference.

Mr. Brian S. Miller, Regional Director, Delta Airlines, is also on the Committee. Respondents have listed the following Delta Airlines employees as contract references:

- Brian Ruppert, General Manager, Delta Airlines at La Guardia International Airport
- John Head, Delta Airlines at Ft. Lauderdale International Airport
- Doyle Steele, PMT Director, Delta Airlines at Los Angeles International Airport
- James Tiefenthaler, Delta Airlines at La Guardia International Airport
- Ryan Marzullo, Delta Airlines at JFK International Airport

Can MDAD request contract references from individuals employed with the same entity employing a Committee Member?

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and please let me know if you require additional information.

Regards,

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