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Ms. Martinez:

You have forwarded to me, on behalf of Acting Commission Auditor, Neil R. Singh, the background report on the members of the Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Aviation Department Request to Advertise for General Civil Engineering Services – Project No. E16-MDAD-03 (Substitution 1).

Included in the report is information regarding two of the prospective members of this County advisory board: Miguel Riera and Becky Hope. Mr. Riera revealed on his Disclosure Form that he previously worked for two of the respondents: CRJ ;and Associates (July 2000-September 2003) and Milian, Swain, and Associates, Inc. (May 1996-June 1997). Ms. Hope revealed on her Disclosure Form that her husband worked previously for Bureau Veritas North American, Inc. (more than three years ago), one of the responding firms.

As members of a County advisory board, the members of a Selection Committee are subject to Section 2-11.1(v) of the County Ethics Code, pursuant to which there would be a voting conflict of interest disqualifying a member from serving on the committee, where a member would be affected personally by the item and also where the members has one of a number of enumerated relationships with a person or entity coming before the board.

I have spoken with both Mr. Riera and Ms. Hope. Both of them indicated that the employment in question was terminated amicably and did not end in any type of dispute or rancor; that neither they nor a close family member has any current employment or financial relationship with any of the entities in question; and that they do not maintain close friendships with persons at those firms, including persons who may be expected to be coming before the board.

There is no voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(v) under the foregoing facts. Additionally, it does not appear that there is any cause for concern that the individuals in question could not be fair and objective in making the necessary judgments about the respondent firms.

Sincerely,

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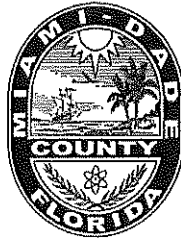


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This email is being sent to you on behalf of Mr. Neil R. Singh, Acting Commission Auditor.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Cristina Amores, Non-Voting Chairperson
ISD Procurement Management

FROM: Neil R. Singh, CPA
Acting Commission Auditor 

DATE: January 5, 2017

SUBJECT: **Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Aviation Department Request to Advertise for General Civil Engineering Services – Project No. E16-MDAD-03 (Substitution 1)**

On May 6, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-449-14, directing the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to conduct background checks on members serving on evaluation/selection committees.

The Commission Auditor is directed to submit results of the background checks to the Internal Services Department (ISD) or other County department overseeing and administering the competitive solicitation and contract award that used the selection committee members at issue and to the Commission on Ethics. In accordance with this Resolution, we are submitting this report with the results.

Pursuant to R-449-14, the OCA completed background research regarding Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Aviation Department Request to Advertise for General Civil Engineering Services – Project No. E16-MDAD-03 (Substitution 1).

The Selection Committee members are Cristina Amores, Joaquin Menendez, Miguel Riera, Roger Baptiste, Becky Hope, Rena Chen, Yuly Hernandez and Fernando Mardones.

The OCA completed background research and there were no relevant findings that came to our attention for Cristina Amores, Joaquin Menendez, Roger Baptiste, Rena Chen, Yuly Hernandez and Fernando Mardones. *However, Miguel Riera stated on his Disclosure form that he was previously employed by two of the respondents: CRJ and Associates (July 2000-September 2003) and Milian, Swain, and Associates, Inc. (May 1996-June 1997). Also, Becky Hope stated on her Disclosure form that her husband previously worked for Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., (greater than three years ago), which is one of the respondents.*

c: Miriam Singer, Assistant Director, ISD Procurement Management
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