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JNQ 05-181

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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I spoke to Gerald Sanchez on November 2, 2005 and he had a Cone of Silence question. He wanted to know whether a County employee who is not connected to the RFP in question and wants the Chair of the BCC Committee overseeing this procurement to hold a Sunshine meeting to give the employee an opportunity to voice concerns about the process. I conferred with Ardyth Walker and we agreed that the duly-noticed public meetings exception would allow for a Sunshine meeting regarding this subject, although we recognized this could amount to an end-run and is counter to the philosophy of removing the elected officials from the process until the Manager has made his recommendation to the BCC. Another issue was whether the employee – part of the Manager's professional staff – verbally communicated with an elected official to schedule this meeting. If such a conversation occurred while the Cone of Silence was in effect, even if the discussion was merely to mention the fact that a Sunshine meeting should be called, the Cone of Silence would be violated. I would not view this as a significant violation but rather a technical one.

Robert Meyers
November 3, 2005