

Ethics (COE)

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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2006 9:51 AM
To: Ordonez, Jorge (Seaport)
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR AN OPINION

Mr. Ordonez,

Thank you for your request for opinion. Based on the facts you have provided, I conclude that a conflict of interest is not created under the county's Conflict of Interest of Code of Ethics Ordinance if you bid on construction work in the municipalities in Miami-Dade County. As long as you do not bid on projects with Miami-Dade County government and you do not appear in front of any County board, agency, committee or personnel in connection with your outside employment, you will be in compliance with the ethics ordinance.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
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From: Ordonez, Jorge (Seaport)
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2006 1:15 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: REQUEST FOR AN OPINION

I am at present a Miami-Dade County Employee, working for the Seaport Department as a Construction Superintendent. For this position there is no requirement of any professional license. I also hold a General Contractor and an Engineering Contractor Licenses, which I use to qualify the company named Tequesta Construction Services Inc. doing business in the private sector. I have an interest of 10% ownership in this Company. To receive compensation from this business, I am fully authorized by the Seaport Director through the Outside Employment procedures. Now Tequesta Construction Services is in the process of being certified by DBD, as a Certified Small Business Enterprise (CSBE), in order to bid construction work in the Municipalities, and therefore I am requesting a clarification from that Commission that there is no ethical conflict between my actual position and getting any business outside of the Port of Miami.

Please advice.

Yours truly

Jorge Ordonez

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