

INQ 01-12

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2001 9:11 AM  
**To:** Plasencia, Carlos  
**Subject:** Request

Mr. Plasencia,

I spoke to our staff counsel about your request for opinion, and she and I agree that there is not conflict of interest in this case. The fact that your wife is employed by a company that may be contracting with the County does not present a problem, particularly because she is a salaried employee in the Accounting Department and has no controlling financial interest in the dealership.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers

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**From:** Plasencia, Carlos  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2001 10:26 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Arroyo, Tony; Silveira, Jorge; Lucas, Theodore (DPM) (305) 375-5257  
**Subject:** Bid 5387-4/01-4 OEM Parts and Repairs for Domestic Passenger Vehicles

Dear Sir:

I am the contract administrator for the above referenced bid. I am seeking your opinion as to whether or not my future involvement with this bid represents a conflict of interest.

Bid 5387 is a non-competitive bid which the County sets the prices for parts and the labor price is set by the Manufacturer to Dealer Warranty Reimbursement labor rate. Any American made car dealership can join at any time during the life of the contract. Recently, representatives from Maroone Ford expressed an interest in joining the contract to service the Ford Crown Victoria Police Pursuit Vehicles stationed in the Miami Lakes Police Station.

My wife is employed by Maroone Ford in the Accounting Department and reports directly to the Comptroller of the dealership. She receives a yearly salary. She does not receive any type of commission based on sales from any department. Therefore the dealership participation in this contract does not enhance her status or contribute any benefits to her employment.

If my further involvement with this bid represents a conflict of interest, please advise.

Sincerely,

J. Carlos Plasencia, CPPB  
Senior Procurement Agent

*No problem*