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**RE: INQUIRY 04-141 90**

Dear Ms. Morrison:

I received your request for an opinion regarding any limitations on fundraising for a corporation that you are creating to provide job training and job placement for low-income residents of Dade and Broward counties.

You are currently an investigator for the Ethics Commission and have worked as a county employee for more than sixteen years. The corporation will seek funding to underwrite the cost of services. You are not planning to seek funding from Miami-Dade County or any municipality within Miami-Dade County.

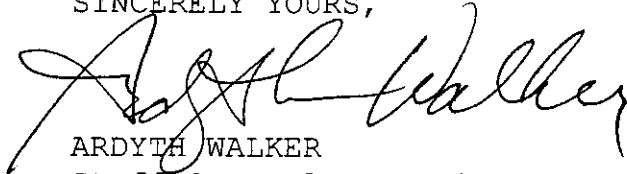
The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits you to seek state and federal funding for the corporation. You may also seek funding from public and private corporations and entities for the corporation. However, in order to avoid any conflict between your responsibilities as an investigator for the Ethics Commission and your outside corporation, you should not solicit funds from current county or municipal officials or employees.

Therefore, you may seek funding from the state or federal government or private or public corporations for the corporation.

However, you may not seek funding from  
current county or municipal employees.

Please contact the undersigned if you have  
any further questions.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ardyth Walker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

ARDYTH WALKER  
Staff General Counsel

cc: Robert Meyers, Executive Director

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July 12, 2004

Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust  
Ms. Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel  
19 West Flagler Street, Suite 207  
Miami, FL 33130

Dear Ms. Walker:

Subject: Request for Opinion

I have been employed by Miami-Dade County for more than 16 years and am currently working as an investigator for the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust (COE). Moreover, I am in the process of establishing a corporation that provides educational, job training and placement assistance to needy persons within Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

As a COE employee, I know that I am prohibited from seeking funds for my corporation from Miami-Dade County or any municipality within the County. However, I plan to seek assistance from private donors and through Federal and State funding. Please provide me with an opinion as to any potential conflict of interest regarding this matter.

Your response will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

  
Beverly R. Morrison

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