

contract with the Aviation Department to provide engineering services. As part of the miscellaneous contract, Municipal Testing Laboratory was issued a work order to perform asphalt testing services on the Northside Runway project. The firm was not involved in any earlier phase of the project.

The Commission found the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit Municipal Testing Services from serving as a member of the Construction Inspection Services (CIS) team. Municipal Testing Services' work as a member of the CIS team will not require them to inspect its prior work or serve identical responsibilities on two sides of the project. Municipal Testing Services' work on the CIS bid will be a continuation of its current work and should not impair its independent judgment in its CIS functions.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding possible conflicts under state law.

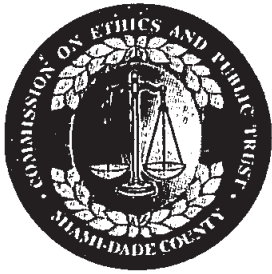
If you have any questions regarding this opinion, please call Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 350-0616 or the undersigned at (305) 579-2594.

Sincerely Yours,



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November 28, 2001

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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 01-124

Dear Mr. Jaycock:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on November 27, 2001 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding any conflicts between your firm's current inspection work on the Northside Runway project and serving as a member of the Construction Inspection Services team.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that the Aviation Department recently issued a Request for Proposals for firms to provide construction inspection services for the Northside Runway. The services include administration assistance scheduling, construction phase inspections and final inspections during the closeout phases of construction. The services shall also include project management and coordinating daily inspections. The Construction Inspection Services team should include specialized inspectors including civil, mechanical, electrical (airfield lighting), airfield equipment, drainage and plumbing to perform inspections commencing in January, 2002.

Municipal Testing Laboratory is a local engineering firm that has a miscellaneous