

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 4:21 PM  
**To:** Chorlog Jr., John W. (WASD)  
**Subject:** RE: Appointment to Selection Committee

Dear Mr. Chorlog,

Thank you for re-sending your request for opinion. Based on the attached letter, I understand that your son is working for a company, URS Engineers, as unpaid intern – approximately five hours per week -- as part of internship program through the Miami-Dade County Schools. As Deputy Director for the Water and Sewer Department, you have been appointed to sit on a selection committee and expect that URS Engineers will submit a proposal. Given your son's relationship with firm, you ask whether you can serve on this selection committee for the construction management contract.

Because your son's internship with one of the potential proposers does not create a direct benefit to you or any member of your immediate family, the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance does not bar you from sitting on this selection committee. Finally, an employee's objectivity is not a standard covered in the Code of Ethics Ordinance and I cannot give you a formal opinion on this question. However, I doubt seriously that a selection's committee member's objectivity can be questioned merely due to an unpaid internship that a selection member's son has with one of the proposers.

If you wish to discuss in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers  
Executive Director

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**From:** Chorlog Jr., John W. (WASD)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 1:38 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Appointment to Selection Committee

As per our conversation, please find attached the letter that I sent you on November 22. Please advise.

Thanks

John Chorlog  
Deputy Director – Operations  
Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department  
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Attn: Robert Meyers, Executive Director

Re: Appointment to Selection Committee

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I am the Deputy Director at the Water and Sewer Department and have been appointed to sit on a Selection Committee for an upcoming construction management contract. Previous to my current position as Deputy, I held the position of Assistant Director of Engineering and Assistant Director of Wastewater during which time I sat on numerous selection committees for professional services.

Currently, my son is a Senior at Coral Reef High School (Engineering Magnet Program) and is participating in the Honors and Executive Internship Program. The program is sponsored by Dade County Schools and there are several engineering companies participating. My son is working for URS Engineers approximately 5 hours per week and receives no compensation through the internship program.

I am writing, in an abundance of caution to advise of my appointment to this selection committee. URS Engineers could be a proposer on the project among other Engineering companies. I do not believe my objectivity in this selection would be affected in any way.

I look forward to your opinion in this matter.

Sincerely

John Chorlog, P.E.  
 Deputy Director

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