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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2008 9:39 AM  
**To:** Brown, Lakeisha G. (WASD)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Ethics Opinion- Conflict of Interest

Ms. Brown:

Thank you for your request for opinion. I understand from you opinion that you advised Mr. Botner not to work for a company doing business with the Miami-Dade County. You wish to know whether working on a United Way website violates this restriction.

The first issue to analyze is the relationship between Miami-Dade County and the United Way. Although the County gives grant money to United Way, I would not necessarily characterize this as doing business with the County. Secondly, Mr. Botner is providing consulting work to a client and this project has nothing to do with his employment with Miami-Dade County. Furthermore, his duties with the County will not cause him to interact with United Way. Therefore, working on United Way's website does not create a conflict of interest for him.

If you have any additional questions, please forward them to me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

**From:** Brown, Lakeisha G. (WASD)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 03, 2008 8:39 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
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Mr. Meyers:

**Todd Botner, Systems Analyst/Programmer II** with the **Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department**, has been approved for outside employment as an Independent Contractor. As a condition of the approval, Mr. Botner was advised to stay clear of any company which does business with Miami-Dade County as that may result in a conflict of interest.

PC Depot, a company that occasionally hires Mr. Botner for computer programming projects, has requested his services to work on a project that involves re-writing portions of the United Way website. At this time, the Department would like to request an Ethics Commission Opinion on whether Mr. Botner's involvement on this project may constitute a Conflict of Interest.

Please advise.

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