



June 30, 2010

Sheri & Lucious McGriff, Jr.  
L. McGriff, LLC, d/b/a House Doctors Handyman Service  
13461 SW 97 Place  
Miami, FL 33176

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Re: INQ 10-116, Contract limitations for L. McGriff, LLC,  
d/b/a House Doctors Handyman Service

Dear Mr. & Mrs. McGriff:

In correspondence to our office on June 30, 2010, you asked if any ethics conflicts prevented your privately owned company, L. McGriff, LLC, d/b/a House Doctors Handyman Service, from entering into contracts with Miami-Dade County.

IT IS THE OPINION of the Ethics Commission staff that, because of Mrs. McGriff's employment with the Small Business Development Department (SBD), L. McGriff, LLC, may enter into contracts with the County with the following exceptions:

- L. McGriff, LLC, may *not* contract with SBD directly.
- L. McGriff, LLC, may *not* engage in County contracts that will be monitored by SBD.
- L. McGriff, LLC, may *not* engage in County programs that will be administered by SBD.

THE FACTS as you presented them are that L. McGriff, LLC, is a for-profit Florida corporation owned by Sheri & Lucious McGriff, Jr., that provides house maintenance and home repair services. Sheri McGriff is employed by SBD as a Division Director.

THE COUNTY ETHICS CODE at Section 2-11.1 (c) allows L. McGriff, LLC, to do business with Miami-Dade County as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of Mrs. McGriff's duties to the County. This includes the condition that she not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of Mrs. McGriff's job responsibilities and job descriptions may require her to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, Mrs. McGriff may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract.

We understand that the certification of small businesses is now being administered by the Department of Procurement Management (DPM). Nevertheless, L. McGriff, LLC, may not enter into County contracts that will be monitored by SBD, and L. McGriff, LLC, may not participate in programs administered by SBD.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

  
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Staff Attorney

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