



Via First Class Mail and  
email at [MW537@aol.com](mailto:MW537@aol.com)

*Permission to engage in outside employment must be obtained annually from the County employee's supervisor. This opinion does not confer permission to engage in outside employment.*

**ETHICS COMMISSIONERS**

**Dawn Addy, CHAIR**  
**Charlton Copeland, VICE CHAIR**  
**Nelson Bellido**  
**Judge Seymour Gelber**  
**Kerry E. Rosenthal**

**ROBERT A. MEYERS**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**MICHAEL P. MURAWSKI**  
ADVOCATE

**ARDYTH WALKER**  
STAFF GENERAL COUNSEL

December 22, 2011

Mark D. Watson  
GULFSTREAM PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.  
247 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 439  
Miami, FL 33130

Re: INQ 11-194, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Mr. Watson:

On December 22, 2011, you asked about limitations in doing business with the County through your privately owned company, GULFSTREAM PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC. You are a firefighter with the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department and the owner and Director of GULFSTREAM PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) allows your company to enter into a contract with Miami-Dade County as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your duties to the County. This includes the condition that you do not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your job responsibilities and job descriptions may require you to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination or forbearance. Finally, you may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee or administer your contract. In your case, this means that GULFSTREAM PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC., may not enter into contracts with the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code as it applies to County employee-vendors at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) only. It is not applicable to any conflicts under other sections of the County Code or to issues related to state or federal laws.

If any of the facts you have presented change or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

  
VICTORIA FRIGO  
Staff Attorney