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July 1, 2013

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Fosie Joseph-Norton
Fosie J. Events, LLC
1901 N.W. 84th Street
Miami, FL 33147

JOSEPH CENTORINO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Re: INQ 13-156, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

MICHAEL P. MURAWSKI
ADVOCATE

Dear Ms. Joseph-Norton:

MIRIAM S. RAMOS
DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

On June 26, 2013, you asked about limitations in contracting with the County through your privately owned company, Fosie J. Events, LLC. Your spouse, Melvin Roger Norton, is employed by the Miami Dade Transit Department as a Transit Operations Supervisor.

The County Ethics Code at Secs. 2-11.1 (c) (2) and (d) allows you to enter into a contract, individually or through a firm, with Miami-Dade County, as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your spouse's duties to the County.

This means that Melvin Roger Norton shall not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of Mr. Norton's job responsibilities and job descriptions shall require him to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination or forbearance. In your case, this means that Fosie J. Events, LLC, shall not enter into contracts with the Miami-Dade Transit Department.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code as it applies to County employee-vendors at Secs. 2-11.1 (c)(2) and (d) 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,

Gilma Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney

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