
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 11:41 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: FW: Ethics Opinion- Limitations on Doing Business with the County INQ 14-102
Attachments: INQ 14-102 Rashid.pdf

INQ 14-102

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 12:17 PM
To: 'J. S. Rashid'
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Laureano, Ruth (ISD)
Subject: Ethics Opinion- Limitations on Doing Business with the County INQ 14-102

Mr. Rashid:

Attached is the Ethics Opinion regarding limitations on doing business with the County. Please note that it indicates that your board service with the Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB) does not prohibit Collaborative Development Corp. (CDC) from contracting with the County as long as BAAB has no oversight over CDC contracts

I will send you the original letter via regular mail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney



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From: J. S. Rashid [<mailto:jsrashid@cdc-florida.org>]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 6:49 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

Cc: Laureano, Ruth (ISD); Hernandez, Niurka (ISD); Pupo, William L. (ISD); jaclyn@pinnaclehousing.com
Subject: RE: New Board form

Greetings Ms. Diaz- Greco,

Attached is the completed registration for *“County Board Members Wishing to Register as County Vendors”* form. Additionally I have attached information regarding Collaborative Development Corporation.

Should you require more information or clarification please contact me.

Truly,

J.S. Rashid
President / CEO
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305-446-9898 fax



From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) [<mailto:GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 10:08 AM
To: jsrashid@cdc-florida.org
Subject: FW: New Board form

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 12:32 PM
To: 'J. S. Rashid'
Subject: RE: New Board form

Mr. Rashid,
Attached is the form.

I also needed more information on CDC Corp. Could you describe the type of business, what type of not profit corporation is it and whether you have financial interests in CDC.

Thank you,

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From: J. S. Rashid [<mailto:jsrashid@cdc-florida.org>]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 12:24 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: RE: New Board form

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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) [<mailto:GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 11:59 AM
To: jsrashid@cdc-florida.org
Subject: New Board form

Dear Mr. Rashid,

It was a pleasure speaking with you yesterday. Per our conversation, I am attaching the new form we have prepared for County board members who are seeking to register as County vendor. Please complete this form and email it to me. I am working on your letter and will be able to complete it as soon as I receive the completed form. I will send the ethics opinion via email and via first class mail. Once you receive the scanned letter via email you may submit it to procurement.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

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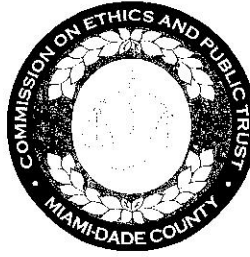
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April 22, 2014

Jihad S. Rashid
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*Please submit this letter to the
Procurement Management Services
Division with your County Board
Members Wishing to Register as
County Vendors' application. The Ethics
Commission does not submit this letter
on your behalf.*

Re: INQ 14-102, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Mr. Rashid

You serve on the Miami Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB). BAAB's mission statement states that it "exists to advocate for the social, economic and educational needs of the diverse Black World Community in Miami-Dade County." It does not fund any County departments or agencies.

You also serve as the Executive Director for Collaborative Development Corp (CDC), a private, non-profit community development corporation whose mission is to coordinate and execute neighborhood revitalization projects. On April 7, 2014, you asked about limitations for CDC in doing business with the County.

Under the County Ethics Code, your board service with BAAB does not preclude CDC from contracting with the County as long as BAAB has no oversight over CDC's County contracts.

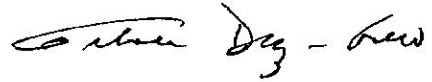
The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) prohibits a County board member either individually or through a firm from entering into a contract with the County if the board on which he serves would oversee the contract.

Further, Sec. 2-11.1(m)(2) prohibits a County board member from making presentations or seeking any benefits for herself or others from the board on which he serves. Sec. 2-11.1(v) is also relevant. It prohibits a County board member from voting on a matter if he would be directly affected by the vote and he has an enumerated relationship with the entity before the board.

Based on the facts you presented, you would not have a prohibited conflict of interest because BAAB would not be involved in any aspect of the contracts CDC enters into with the County. This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest Ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Inquiries regarding possible conflicts under state law should be directed to the Florida Commission on Ethics.

If any of the facts you have presented change or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilma Diaz-Greco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Gilma Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney

County Board Members Wishing to Register as County Vendors

Please submit the following information by mail, fax, or email to-

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Board Member's Name Jihad S. Rashid

Board Name M-DC Black Affairs Advisory Board

Board Member Title Board member

Type of Business Advisory to M-DC Board of Commissioners

Board Member's Mailing Address 2983 Washington St., Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Board Member's email j.s.rashid@att.net

Do you have a controlling financial interest (10% or more) in a corporation, firm or entity that is seeking to contract with the County? Yes No

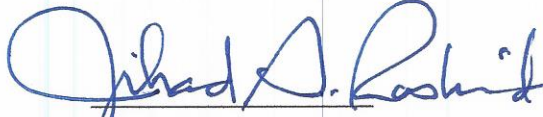
The Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at Secs. 2-11.1 (c)(3) and (d) allows County Board Members who have a **controlling financial interest (10% or more)** in a corporation firm or entity to contract with the County in certain circumstances and if the following criteria are met. *See also* Secs. 2-11.1 (m)(2),(v).

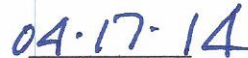
Please confirm that you will meet all of these criteria:

1. I will not contract with any County agency or department subject to the regulation, oversight, management, policy-setting, or quasi-judicial authority of the board of which I am a member. *See* 2-11.1(c)(3) and (d).
2. I will not make a presentation or seek any benefits for myself or others from the board on which I serve. *See* 2-11.1(m)(2).

3. I will not vote on any matter if I will be directly affected by the vote and I have one of the enumerated relationships in Sec. 2-11.1(v) with the firm, corporation, or entity before the board.

I have read these requirements and pledge to abide by them.


Signature


Date

Your ethics opinion will be sent to by first class mail and email.
COE 4-11-14