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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 01, 2014 2:39 PM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Charles Anderson, Office of the Commission Auditor - Background check on Ray Abrahante - ISD-RQ-7: Energy Performance Contracting Program (Conflict of Interest) INQ 14-279

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 26, 2014 4:15 PM  
**To:** Martinez, Angie (OCA); Abrahante, Ray (ISD)  
**Cc:** Anderson, Charles (OCA); Singer, Miriam (ISD); Marsellos, Bia (OCA); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ - Charles Anderson, Office of the Commission Auditor - Background check on Ray Abrahante - ISD-RQ-7: Energy Performance Contracting Program (Conflict of Interest)

Mr. Anderson:

You have inquired regarding whether there is any potential conflict under the Miami-Dade Ethics Code that might prevent Mr. Ray Abrahante from participating on the selection committee for the above-named procurement contract. It is my understanding that Mr. Abrahante, an engineer, has been the project manager or has served in a supervisory capacity for county work performed by three out of the seven applicants for this program—FPL, Honeywell, and Chevron. He has served in these capacities as part of his official duties with the County. He would be serving as the non-voting Chairperson of the selection committee. All three of the companies with which he has interacted as a County Engineer have listed him as a reference in their applications.

It is my opinion that there is no prohibited conflict that would prevent Mr. Abrahante from serving on the selection committee for this project. Mr. Abrahante has represented that he has no relationship with any of the entities involved, financial, personal, or familial, that would prevent him from exercising his independent judgment in connection with his duties on the selection committee. I do not think it inappropriate for him to provide whatever input may be requested of him by fellow committee members, based upon his knowledge of and experience with the various applicants. I do not believe that Mr. Abrahante would be in a position to be directly affected personally by any of the decisions of the board.

Therefore, there is no foreseeable violation of the Ethics Code that would result from Mr. Abrahante's service on this selection committee.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** Martinez, Angie (OCA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:18 AM  
**To:** Abrahante, Ray (ISD)  
**Cc:** Anderson, Charles (OCA); Centorino, Joseph (COE); Singer, Miriam (ISD); Marsellos, Bia (OCA)  
**Subject:** Background Checks - ISD-RQ-7: Energy Performance Contracting Program

Please disregard previous email the subject line has been revised. Thank you.

*Angie Martinez*, Executive Secretary

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**From:** Martinez, Angie (OCA)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:08 AM

**To:** Abrahante, Ray (ISD)

**Cc:** Anderson, Charles (OCA); Centorino, Joseph (COE); Singer, Miriam (ISD); Marsellos, Bia (OCA)

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This email is being sent to you on behalf of Mr. Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor.

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