
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 9:09 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Karen Estis, Compliance counsel, DMS Disaster Planning and Recovery INQ 15-146

INQ 15-146 Estis

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:39 PM
To: 'karen.estis@dmsrecovery.com'
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE)
Subject: INQ 15-146 Karen Estis, Compliance counsel, DMS Disaster Planning and Recovery

Ms. Estis:

You have inquired regarding whether there are any impediments under the Miami-Dade Ethics Code for your client, DMS Disaster Planning and Recovery, a private, for-profit company which receives federal, state and local funds (not from Miami-Dade County) to assist public entities in recovering maximum coverage from FEMA, insurance, and other funding sources, in connection with disaster-related losses, to seek work from Jackson Health Systems. Provided that DMS's lobbyist or principal who engages in lobbying in connection with seeking such work from JHS properly registers as a lobbyist pursuant to Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code, and receives the required lobbyist ethics training required under the code, there are no impediments to its applying for such work under the County Ethics Code. Of course, any such application is subject to internal procedural requirements and restrictions at JHS which are within the province of the JHS administrative staff.

Sincerely,

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

From: karen.estis@dmsrecovery.com [<mailto:karen.estis@dmsrecovery.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 1:23 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: doug.white@dmsrecovery.com; david shapiro; david.shapiro@dmsrecovery.com
Subject: Re: DMS Disaster Planning/ conflict of interest

Mr. Centorino,

DMS does not receive any funding from Dade County at this time.

It is DMS' intention to register its representative as a lobbyist in order to comply with the requirements to bid on work within the JHS hospital system.

Thank you,

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On Jul 9, 2015, at 2:53 PM, Centorino, Joseph (COE) <CENTORI@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Ms. Estis,
Do I understand correctly that DMS does not presently receive any funding from Miami-Dade County?
Joe Centorino

-----Original Message-----

From: karen.estis@dmsrecovery.com [<mailto:karen.estis@dmsrecovery.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:47 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
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Subject: DMS Disaster Planning/ conflict of interest

Dear Mr. Centori,

As per our conversation of today's date, I represent DMS Disaster Planning & Recovery, a Private for Profit Company, seeking to do work for the JHS Health Systems.

DMS Disaster Consultants assists public sector entities including states and municipalities, school districts, public and non-profit colleges and universities, public and non-profit hospitals and healthcare facilities, electric cooperatives and other eligible applicants with maximizing reimbursement from FEMA, insurance and other funding sources after natural federally declared disasters.

In the course of its business, DMS receives payment thru state, local and federal funding. This is to confirm that, DMS' receipt of these funds as a private company does not present a conflict of interest with the Dade County Ordinance pertaining to the registration of Lobbyists for the purposes of bidding on JHS work and that so long as DMS registers a representative from our office as a lobbyist in Dade County, pays the fee and attends the lobbyist course and complies with the directives pursuant to the website we are in compliance.

Kindly acknowledge that you are in receipt of this email.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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