
INQ 15-278 Lyons

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 2:02 PM
To: 'Patrick Lyons'
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Coba, Adriana (ISD); Perez, Martha D. (COE)
Subject: Jack Lyons, Former MDR Fire Chief, Ret. 2003 (contracting with the County) INQ 15-278

Dear Mr. Lyons:

You have inquired whether, as a former County employee, there would be any conflicts of interest under the County Ethics Code for you to contract with the County through your privately owned family business.

As background, your privately owned company Jack Lyons Truck Parts, Inc. is seeking to contract with the County through the designated Small Business Enterprise program. You are a former Miami-Dade County employee, employed by the County Fire Department for 35 years. You retired as a Fire Chief in July of 2003. You further advise that currently you have no relatives that are employed by the County.

Based on the facts you have presented, the County Ethics doesn't apply to your situation, and you may apply to contract with the County. While the County Ethics Code at Section 2-11.1(q) ("two-year rule") provides certain post-employment limitations for former County employees, this section only applies for two years after a County employee has separated from the County. Given that your separation occurred in 2003, the two year rule no longer applies to you. Furthermore, because you have no immediate family members currently employed at the County, the County Ethics Code's limitations on contracting with the County set out in Sections 2-11.1 (c) and (d) also would not apply to you.

This opinion is based on the facts presented. If these facts change, please contact us for another opinion.

Best regards,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco
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Subject: FW: Ethics comm./opinion

Dear Ms. Diaz-Greco,

I will be leaving town for the Christmas holidays and would very much appreciate your response to this "Ethics" inquiry. Asap. Thank You.

Best Wishes,

Patrick Lyons
Corporate Secretary

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Subject: Ethics comm./opinion

Dear Ms.Diaz-Grecco,

As per our conversation of today, I am requesting an ethics opinion for my company, Jack Lyons Truck Parts, Inc. to be designated as a Small Business Enterprise. I am a former Metro-Dade County employee. (35 years w/ Dade County Fire Dept) I was hired in December of 1968 and retired as a Fire Chief in July of 2003. I have not worked for Dade County since that date and no relatives, distant or otherwise are currently employed by the county. My business in Dade County was established by my beloved father, Jack Lyons Sr.(deceased) in 1979 and is currently owned and operated by myself, my brother, John Lyons, Jr. and our two sons, PJ Lyons and Jack Lyons III. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions or if I can be of any further assistance, I may be reached at (305) 588-5586 or (305) 884-4222 ext 25. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Best Wishes,

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