
INQ 16-172 Armenta

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Subject: INQ 16-172 Elvira Amenta, Sr. Environmental Engineer, WASD, Miami-Dade County (Voting Conflict, Sec. 2-11.1(v))

Ms. Amenta:

This will confirm our recent conversation in which we discussed your service on a Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department for Engineering and Design Services Agreements Group A (Ocean Outfall Legislation Projects) and Group B (Non-Ocean Outfall Legislation Projects, on Project No. E15 – WASD – 01.

Neutrality/Disclosure Form that you were supervised at WASD by a former Assistant Director, Eduardo Vega, who is currently employed by one of the responding vendors, A&P Consulting Transportation Engineers Corp. You indicated that you have no personal or financial relationship with this individual, but that you did work with him on design build contracts while he was with WASD. He did not directly supervise you, but he was someone who was knowledgeable about such projects, and you did have a professional working relationship with him. You also indicated that you did not believe your acquaintance with him would affect your judgment as a Selection Committee Member regarding any project on which his company is a responding vendor.

I advised you that you do not have any prohibited conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(v) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that would prevent your serving on this committee. In the event that you decide that for some reason you could not be fair and unbiased on any given decision, you should consider removing yourself from that decision.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino

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Subject: OCA - E15-WASD-01

This email is being sent to you on behalf of Mr. Neil R. Singh, Acting Commission Auditor.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Julie Whiteside, Non-Voting Chairperson
ISD Procurement Management

FROM: Neil R. Singh, CPA
Acting Commission Auditor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Singh", is written over the name of the Acting Commission Auditor.

DATE: June 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department Request to Advertise for Group A (Ocean Outfall Legislation Projects) Six (6) Non-Exclusive Professional Services Agreements for Engineering Design and Related Services for the Design of Large Diameter Wastewater Pipelines and Group B (Non-Ocean Outfall Legislation Projects) Two (2) Non-Exclusive Professional Services Agreements for Engineering Design and Related Services for the Design of Large Diameter Water Pipelines for the Water and Sewer Department's Wastewater and Water Collection, Transmission and Distribution System- Project No. E15-WASD-01 (Substitution 1)

On May 6, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-449-14, directing the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to conduct background checks on members serving on evaluation/selection committees.

The Commission Auditor is directed to submit results of the background checks to the Internal Services Department (ISD) or other County department overseeing and administering the competitive solicitation and contract award that used the selection committee members at issue and to the Commission on Ethics. In accordance with this Resolution, we are submitting this report with the results.

Pursuant to R-449-14, the OCA completed background research regarding the Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department Request to Advertise for Group A (Ocean Outfall Legislation Projects) Six (6) Non-Exclusive Professional Services Agreements for Engineering Design and Related Services for the Design of Large Diameter Wastewater Pipelines and Group B (Non-Ocean Outfall Legislation Projects) Two (2) Non-Exclusive Professional Services Agreements for Engineering Design and Related Services for the Design of Large Diameter Water Pipelines for the Water and Sewer Department's Wastewater and Water Collection, Transmission and Distribution System- Project No. E15-WASD-01 (Substitution 1).

The Selection Committee members are: Julie Whiteside; Daniel Edwards; Isaac Smith; Wieland Uchdorf; Jaquelyn Llano; Julia Sanchez; and Elvira Amenta. The OCA completed background research and there were no relevant findings that came to our attention for the

following Selection Committee members: Julie Whiteside; Daniel Edwards; Isaac Smith; Wieland Uchdorf; Jaquelyn Llano; and Julia Sanchez. However, Elvira Amenta, stated on the Neutrality/Disclosure form that she was supervised by a former MDWSD Assistant Director who is currently employed by one of the responding vendors, A&P Consulting Transportation Engineers Corp.

c: Miriam Singer, Assistant Director, ISD Procurement Management
 Joseph Centorino, Executive Director, Commission on Ethics & Public Trust