
INQ 16-47 Lopez

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Subject: INQ 16-47 Fernando Lopez, Supervisor of Graphics, Miami-Dade Internal Services Department (Exploitation, Recommending Professional Services, Outside Employment)

Mr. Fernando Lopez, Supervisor of Graphics, Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department (ISD), inquired regarding whether he could allow himself to be used as a reference by a County vendor, ACU Signs, with which he is familiar with through his County position. He said it was in connection with the firm's efforts to obtain work outside of County government that the reference would be used. I advised him that it would be permissible for the firm to utilize him as a reference based on his familiarity with their work in his County position. However, I cautioned him against accepting any compensation for such reference to avoid any violation of Section 2-11.1(g) or (k)(1). I also suggested that he should only be responding to inquiries rather than engaging in any express advocacy for them.

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