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Thanks again.

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Mr. Singh:

This is in response to your Memorandum of August 1, 2017, regarding the Selection Committee for the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust's Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2017 NOFA Collaborative Application. You have indicated that the non-voting chairperson is Manny Sarria, Assistant Director for the Homeless Trust, was previously employed by Citrus Health Network, Inc., a respondent for the project, for 18 years (October 1996 – June 2014). You have also indicated that Carlos Laso, an alternate voting member, was previously employed by Carrfour Supportive

Housing, a respondent for the project, for 5 years (2008 – 2013). I have reviewed your memorandum and discussed this matter with Assistant Director Manny Sarria. Mr. Sarria explained that he will not be serving on any committee that will be considering a matter in which Citrus is a competing respondent, but rather only on matters that involve a renewal contract in which there is no competitor. It has been more than two years since Mr. Sarria was employed by Citrus. Mr. Laso will, however, be sitting as a voting member on a matter in which his former employer, Carrfour, will be competing with one or more other respondents.

Since it has been more than two years since Mr. Sarria's employment with Citrus, the Reverse Two-Year rule in Section 2-11.1(x) of the Miami-Dade County Code would not prohibit him from involvement in the award of a contract to Citrus. Additionally, inasmuch as he no longer has any employment or other official relationship with Citrus, there is no voting conflict barring his participation on the selection committee under Section 2-11.1(v). While there might be some concern over a possible appearance of a conflict in a matter in which Mr. Sarria was serving in regard to a competitive procurement involving Citrus, the fact that he will not be serving in such a situation leads me to discount any possibility of such an appearance. I see no issue with his involvement as a non-voting chairperson on the committee under these circumstances.

Mr. Laso likewise is not covered by the two-year rule due his having left his employment with Carrfour four years ago, and also has no legal voting conflict under Section 2-11.1(v) due to his lack of an existing employment or other official relationship with Carrfour. However, inasmuch as Mr. Laso was employed by a competing respondent less than five years ago, there could be an appearance of a conflict to another respondent on the procurement. Mr. Laso or his supervisors may want to consider this in connection with his service on a committee that will be considering Carrfour as a competing respondent.

Sincerely,

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