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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 5:36 PM
To: Burgess, Andrew (MDPR)
Subject: RE: Request for an Opinion - Tamiami Park

Mr. Burgess,

If I understand correctly, your father's company will be a subcontractor, as opposed to the prime contract, on this project. If this is the case, it is not technically a violation of the ethics code because your father's company is not directly transacting business with the County. However, it clearly creates the wrong perception and I would recommend that someone else works on developing the contract requirements and the administration of the said contract. If it turns out the prime who uses your father's company does not get the contract, you could administer the contract.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Burgess, Andrew (MDPR)
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 10:49 AM
To: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Cc: Ethics (COE)
Subject: Request for an Opinion - Tamiami Park
Importance: High

Good Morning,

I would like to receive an opinion about a possible Conflict of Interest on the project Tamiami Park – Soccer Fields and Irrigation.

I am the assigned contract specialist on this project developing the contract requirements, and will be involved in the award.

The project was advertised and my father, President of Abcon Electric, Inc has requested a Bidders List, to submit an electrical bid to all the prime contractors that purchased a bid package.

The department will award this project to a prime so the main issue is:

Can Abcon Electric Inc submit an electrical bid for a Parks project thru a prime contractor?

At your earliest convenience, please render an opinion on this matter because the bid opening deadline is scheduled for December 6, 2006.

Regards,

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