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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:36 PM
To: 'Loretta Duvall'
Subject: RE: The Children's Trust issue

INQ 06-91

Loretta,

Applicants who seek grant monies are exempt from the lobbying registration rules provided these applicants are not-for-profit community-based organizations. If the applicants do not fall into this category, then employees appearing on their behalf would have to register. I am not certain what you mean by the applicant itself. In order for an applicant to be represented, a person acting in his/her official capacity and with permission from the applicant appears before The Trust for the benefit of the applicant. If the applicant is an individual who is representing himself/herself (where there is no formal organizational structure), then the lobbying rules would not apply.

I hope I have clarified this for you. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Loretta Duvall [mailto:loretta.duvall@thechildrenstrust.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 9:12 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Dear Robert,

The TCT has a question concerning the application of section 2.11.1(s) of the Miami-Dade County Code to applicants for competitive proposals issued by The Trust. We have included the following language in a recently released ITN: [S. Applicant Registration Form – insert text from ITN] This text has provoked the question whether the applicant itself must file the lobbyist forms identified. Although it may have been ambiguously conveyed in this text, The Trust's understanding is that the Code requirement in question is intended to embrace as a lobbyist only those persons appearing on behalf of the applicant in this process, but not the applicant itself, or any employees of the applicant appearing on behalf of the applicant. Please provide your understanding of this Code requirement so that The Trust may clarify the issue to would-be applicants for this and future competitive proposals. Sincerely,

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