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Walker, Ardyth (COE)

From: Singer, Miriam (DPM)
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2002 3:23 PM
To: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Subject: RE: Personal Contract for Architect to Provide Professional Services

Thanks,. M.

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From: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2002 1:38 PM
To: Singer, Miriam (DPM)
Subject: RE: Personal Contract for Architect to Provide Professional Services

Miriam,

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from doing business with a non-county contractor. You are also permitted to contract with a county contractor subject to certain restrictions. The attached opinion to Vincent Brown outlines the issues involved in contracting with county contractors.

Although Diaz is not currently involved in county work, he may apply for county work while he is working for you. Should Diaz do so, I would advise you to abstain from any involvement in any selection process where Diaz is applying for county work.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

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From: Singer, Miriam (DPM)
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2002 4:55 AM
To: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Cc: Lucas, Theodore (DPM); Millan-Donovan, Luisa (DPM)
Subject: Personal Contract for Architect to Provide Professional Services

Hi Ardyth: I am planning to hire Jose L. Diaz, a registered architect with the State of Florida to design an addition to my home. I have asked Luisa Millan-Donovan, Director of the Professional Services Division of our DPM staff responsible for the A&E acquisition process in the County, to determine whether Mr. Diaz or his firm (Mouriz/Salazar & Associates) do work for the County. Ms. Millan-Donovan has advised me that Mr. Diaz and his firm are not technically certified with Miami Dade County and are not listed on any contracts that have been awarded according to our DPM records. Because DPM procures all the A&E services for Miami Dade County, I want to make sure that there are no issues of conflict involved if I retain Mr. Diaz to provide design services. Please advise if there are any additional steps I should take in this regard. Thank you, M.

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