

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director

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Sincerely yours,

either a subconsultant or a prime consultant on other projects.

In January, 2001, you also informed the contract officer that while you were not in business with any of the prime contractors, you had worked or are working with some of the subconsultants who are bidding on the project. Specifically, you are working with subconsultant San Martin Associates on a Water and Sewer Department contract and are working on a proposal with PB Construction Services Inc. Further, you have pursued business with Laura Perez & Associates, Inc.

The Commission found the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from serving on the selection committee. However, you should not serve on the committee and make decisions regarding proposers with whom you have an on-going business relationship because it creates the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Further, your on-going business relationships with some of the subconsultants may impair your independence of judgment in your work on the selection committee. Therefore, although not barred by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance, you should not serve on the selection committee because of the appearance of conflict problems created by you business relationship with some of the subconsultants bidding on the project.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding possible conflicts under state law.

If you have any questions regarding this opinion, please call the undersigned at (305) 579-2594 or Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 579-2653.



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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 01-06

Dear Ms. Molina:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on January 22, 2001 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding your service on the selection committee for the Construction Manager award for the South Terminal at Miami International Airport.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that you are President and sole owner of Nova Consulting. Nova Consulting is an engineering firm that currently has contracts with several county departments to provide engineering services.

In November 2000, you were invited to serve on the selection committee for the South Terminal project. The selection committee evaluates and ranks the various proposers for the contract and makes a recommendation to the County Manager. Shortly thereafter, you informed the Aviation Department that you had worked with several potential bidders as