

project under a miscellaneous services contract. Nova is bidding to serve on the Construction Inspection Services team for the Northside Runway project.

The Commission found that the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit Nova Consulting from serving as a member of the Construction Inspection Services (CIS) team. Nova Consulting's work as a member of the CIS team will not require it to inspect its prior work or serve identical responsibilities on two sides of the project. Nova Consulting's work on the CIS bid will be a continuation of its current work and should not conflict with its current or future work or impair its independence of judgment in its CIS functions.

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 Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 350-0616 or the undersigned at (305) 579-2594.

Sincerely Yours,



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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 01-123

Dear Ms. Molina:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on November 27, 2001 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding any conflicts between your firm's current inspection work on the Northside Runway project and serving as a member of the Construction Inspection Services team.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that the Aviation Department recently issued a Request for Proposals for firms to provide construction inspection services for the Northside Runway. The services include administration assistance scheduling, construction phase inspections and final inspections during the closeout phases of construction. The services shall also include project management and coordinating daily inspections. The Construction Inspection Services team should include specialized inspectors including civil, mechanical, electrical (airfield lighting), airfield equipment, drainage and plumbing to perform inspections commencing in January, 2002.

Nova Consulting is currently providing inspection services on the Northside Runway