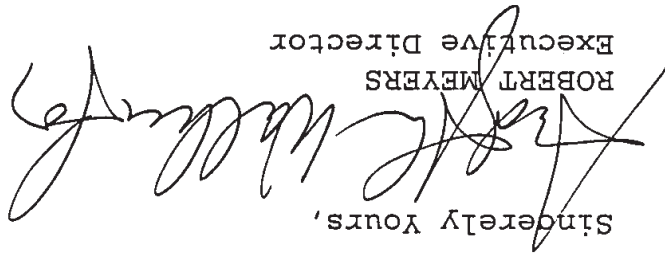


order to secure the relative's participation
in the program.

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
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Sincerely Yours,



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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 01-73

Dear Mr. Simmons:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on July 10, 2000 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your memorandum.

You requested an opinion regarding the relative of a county employee participating in a MMAP program.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that the Urbanworks Technology Program was created by MMAP to bridge the digital divide. Program participants have the opportunity to enhance their internet and e-commerce skills and to share development costs and services for expanding their ability to participate in e-commerce.

The relative of a county employee has applied to participate in the program. The employee does not work for MMAP and will not participate in the program in any way including selection of participants or technical assistance.

The Commission found the employee's relative may participate in the program. The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit relatives of county employees from participating in county programs unless the employee misuses their official position or discloses confidential information in