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Commission on Ethics &  
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# Memorandum

To: Michael Murawski  
Advocate

From: Breno Penichet, COE  
Investigator ~~Investigators COE~~

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Date: January 8, 2008

Re: Allegations by Larry Gay Department of Procurement Management, Ms.  
Miriam Mngt Singer

K08-009. \_\_\_\_\_

~~Mr.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

MDPD Detective Luis Rodriguez contacted the COE and ~~referred~~referred a case that was investigated by PCIB under case # 07-139.CR. According to detective Rodriguez, PCIB was contacted by Ms Miriam Singer, Director of Miami-Dade Procurement Management Department regarding an allegation of a violation of county Policy. Detective Rodriguez advised that he interviewed Ms. Singer and Mr. Andrew Zawoyski, Chief Negotiator for Miami-Dade Procurement Management~~Mangement~~ Department, both parties believed that two companies involved in Bid # 8513-0/09 may have violated provisions of the Cone of Silence section of the Ordinance and may have "Strategized" witched~~wich~~ could have led to Collusion. (~~Forfer~~ details reefer to PCIB report)

Detective Rodriguez met with ASA J. Centorino, Chief of the Public Corruption Unit of the State Attorney's Office ~~the elections department~~. Also present at the meeting was ASA Luis Caso, after they reviewed all the documents and information provided by Detective Rodriguez they determined that neither company violated the Ordinance. Detective Rodriguez provided COE Investigators with copies of all documents obtained during the investigation along with final report. (report has been made part of this file)

A review of all the ~~materials~~ provided ~~materials~~ disclosed what ~~appeared~~ appears to be ~~a solely~~ administrative ~~matter~~ matters that may fall with-in the Directors ~~expand-of~~ ~~control~~ discretionary control. On December 19, 2007 COE Investigators, Skinner and Penichet met with Ms. Singer and Mr. Zawoyski regarding this investigation. Ms. Singer advised that she felt there may have been criminal violations, due to the fact that both companies met and spoke to each other ~~stratergized~~ in order to obtain the bid. Ms. Singer was questioned as to the ~~responsibility~~ ~~responeibility~~ of applicants in advising Miami-Dade if they were going to work together in conjunction. Ms. Singer advised that was permitted but they had to notify the department in advance ~~witch~~ ~~wich~~ was not done. Mr. Zawoyski also pointed out that if you review the bid it self you notice that the numbers are very similar. All the above information was reviewed by Mr. M. Murawski Advocate, It was determined that no violation of the Cone of silence or Bid rigging had occurred. Mr. Murawski referred this matter to the U.S. Attorney's Office for further review. Ms. Singer and Detective Rodriguez were advised. Investigator Penichet spoke to ASA Luis Caso and he agreed that no Criminal violation had occurred. As of this date no contact has been made by the AUSA on this matter.

~~Since~~ ~~The OIA / COE~~ investigation ~~into the~~ above ~~allegations~~ did not reveal any violation of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. ~~This case is closed~~

Disposition: Case Closed.

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