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Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

Memo

To: Miriam Ramos, Deputy General Counsel
From: Manuel W. Diaz, Investigator
Date: January 12, 2012
Re: K12-004

Procurement was queried to determine if LouNa Corp. was listed as a Miami-Dade vendor. County Parks employee, Katherine Naranjo, serves as the Vice President and qualifier for LouNa Corp. Research indicated that LouNa Corp. received a Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency award to renovate the Palm Courts Manager's Office. Palm Court is a Miami-Dade Public Housing facility located at 930 NW 95 Street, under RPQ 115870.

George Navarrete, Deputy Director Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation was contacted. He was advised that Ms. Naranjo had requested an opinion from the COE as to her outside employment. He advised that he would speak to Ms. Naranjo's supervisor who will monitor to insure that she remains in compliance with the COE direction. Navarrete was provided with a copy of the COE opinion.

Navarrete was asked to verify that the LouNa Corp. had no current or pending work with the Parks Dept. He provided the enclosed email confirming.

Diaz, Manuel W. (COE)

From: Navarrete, George (MDPR)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 4:55 PM
To: Diaz, Manuel W. (COE)
Subject: FW: Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Request (Louna Corp.)

See info on Palm Courts as requested.

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From: Laney, Angus (MDPR)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 4:26 PM
To: Navarrete, George (MDPR)
Cc: Mora, Jorge (MDPR); Brant, Marlen (MDPR)
Subject: RE: Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Request (Louna Corp.)

George, Parks was not a party to that contract. The project was bid by PHA under RPQ 115870 as PALM COURT MANAGER'S OFFICE RENOVATIONS. Additionally, I checked with Accounts Payable, and there have been no Parks POs for that vendor.

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From: Navarrete, George (MDPR)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 3:44 PM
To: Mora, Jorge (MDPR)
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Subject: FW:

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From: Diaz, Manuel W. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 1:03 PM
To: Navarrete, George (MDPR)
Subject:

As a follow up on our conversation this date can you check to see if your department had any

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involvement in a project that was awarded to Louna Corp. in February of 2011. The project seems to have been funded through CIP at a Miami Dade Housing facility at 930 NW 95 Street. The project was described as repairs to the Palm Courts Manager's Office. Coincidentally the facility is named Palm Court. We just want to make sure that **Courts** refers to the facility not to any "tennis" courts or otherwise that may be at the facility.

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