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INQ 18-144 Whiteside

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**Subject:** RE: INQ 18-144 Julie Whiteside, A/E Consultant Selection Coordinator, Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department

Thank you, Mr. Centorino.

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Ms. Whiteside,

You have inquired, in connection with the Selection Committee for the Emergency Procurement related to Hurricane Irma (E18-DTPW-03), whether there is any ethical issue in connection with the participation on the Committee of Francisco Gonzalez, an engineer at the Department of Transportation and Public Works, who revealed in his Neutrality/Disclosure Form that he was previously employed for less than a year between 2000 and 2001 as a consulting engineer by Marlin Engineering Co., a sub-consultant for one of the Respondents on the project.

Based on his brief prior employment by the subconsultant approximately 17 years ago, there would be no voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(v) of the County Ethics Code that would prevent him from participating on this Committee. Mr. Gonzalez has no existing relationship with Marlin and would not be personally directly affected by the selection. Further, given that we also generally assess these situations in terms of whether there may be an appearance of a conflict, I am satisfied, after speaking with Mr. Gonzalez, that he has no current associations or relationships with anyone at Marlin that might raise such an issue. In fact, he informed me that, when he performed consulting services for that company, he was actually assigned to work on a County project and had minimal contact with anyone at Marlin.

Accordingly, there is no reason why Mr. Gonzalez should not serve on the Selection Committee for this project.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

## *Joseph M. Centorino*

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**Subject:** E18-DTPW-03 - Previous Employment of a Competitive Selection Committee Member

Good Morning Mr. Centorino,

As we discussed, I am working on an Emergency Procurement related to Hurricane Irma. Francisco Gonzalez, a Competitive Selection Committee member for the project, indicated that he was employed by Marlin Engineering, Inc. (a sub-consultant listed on the List of Respondents) from 2000 to 2001. For your reference, please find the attached Mayor's Memo appointing the Competitive Selection Committee, the List of Respondents, and a copy of Mr. Gonzalez's resume and Neutrality Affidavit/Disclosure Form.

Thank you in advance for your advise and guidance on this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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