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INQ 18-23 Smith

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Subject: INQ 18-23 Tara C. Smith, Director, Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department (Contracting Withe County - Polygraph Examination Services)

Ms. Smith,

Thank you for bringing to our attention the renewal of the County contract for Polygraph Examination Services to be provided by Journey Associates, inc. and Slattery Associates, Inc. As indicated by the attached documents, when this matter was first presented to the Ethics Commission during 2011, the Ethics Commission found that there was a conflict under the Ethics Code, Section 2-11.1(c)(2), inasmuch as the contract was at that time enforced, overseen or administered by the Miami-Dade Police Department; and an immediate family member of the Jurneys, owners of Journey Associates, inc., was a full-time employee with MDPD. Journey and Associates, Inc., appealed the conflict determination to the County Commission, which is permissible under Section 2-11.1(c)(4). At that time, the County Commission directed that the contract be administered under the Miami-Dade Human Resources Department. The transfer of the contract to the oversight of that department effectively removed the conflict due to the fact that the department which employed the family member, MDPD, was no longer to be involved in the enforcement, oversight or administration of the contract.

I understand that the contract was at some point transferred to the oversight of the Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections. It is in this posture, that the contract is now proposed to be renewed. We have received no information at this point indicating the there is any immediate family member of the Journey family that owns Journey and Associates, Inc., employed by the Corrections Department. Assuming that there is no such immediate family member employed at Miami-Dade Corrections, and, assuming that the Miami-Dade Police Department that employs the immediate family member, will not enforce, oversee or administer the subject contract, then there is no prohibited conflict for the contract to be renewed with Miami-Dade Corrections.

Sincerely,

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Hi Joe,

I hope you are well. I need to consult with you on this item that had been scheduled for committee last week. I learned at the last minute that there is a prior COE opinion regarding a conflict of interest. It looks like that matter has been resolved in this new contract award by continuing to keep MDCR as the contract manager, not MDPD. Our CAO advised that we run this by you before proceeding with the award. Please let me know when you have time to discuss.

Here is a link to the item:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?matter=172932&file=true&yearFolder=Y2017>

Thanks,

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