

Date: August 8, 2007
To: Fataab Awonsa (MDT)
From: Victoria Frigo (COE)
Subject: INQ 07-125

Permission to register your landscaping company as a County vendor is approved, as long as your landscaping company does not contract with the Transit Dept. and/or is not supervised by the Transit Dept.

Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at § 2-11.1 (k)

FACTS

In your fax to our office on August 6, 2007, you requested advice about your ability to register your landscaping company as a County vendor. The facts as we understand them are as follows:

1. You work as an electrical technician for the Miami-Dade County Transit Department.
2. You have no immediate family members who work for the County.
3. In your outside employment, you are the sole proprietor and manager of Awonsa Landscape Maintenance, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION:

You may provide landscaping services to the County as a County vendor, ***but not to the Transit Department.*** Additionally, regardless of the department with whom you contract, your landscaping services ***may not be supervised by the Transit Department.***

The reason for these limitations is that the Ethics Ordinance prohibits County employees from contracting with or being supervised by their own departments.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 305 579-2594.