

June 23, 2008

Fataab Awonsa, Principal
AWONZA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, LLC.
325 NW 111th St.
Miami, FL 33168

**Via First Class Mail
and
Fax at 305.754.5723**

Re: INQ 08-112 AWONZA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, LLC., may register as a County vendor, as long as AWONZA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, LLC., does not contract with the Miami-Dade County Transit Department and/or is not supervised by the Miami-Dade County Transit Department or Fataab Awonsa. (Miami-Dade Co. Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at § 2-11.1 (c) & (d).)

Dear Mr. Awonsa:

In correspondence to our office on June 16 and 18, 2008, you said that you wish to register your business, AWONZA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, LLC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

1. You are employed as an Electronic Technician for the Miami-Dade County Transit Department.
2. Your brother, Walter L. Watson, is a bus hostler for the Miami-Dade County Transit Department.
3. AWONZA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, LLC., a business solely owned and managed by you, provides landscape maintenance services.
4. AWONZA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, LLC., is seeking to register as a vendor in order to do business with the County.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission that AWONZA LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, LLC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your duties to the County. This includes the requirement that you not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, your job responsibilities and job descriptions may require you to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, you may not work in the County department that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305.350.0601.

Sincerely,

VICTORIA FRIGO
Staff Attorney