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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:50 PM
To: Prats, John (CED) (786) 469-2202
Subject: RE: Request for Opinion

John,

Thanks for the information. As long as he cannot affect or influence the RFP process in anyway, he can provide support to the committee chair without creating a conflict of interest.

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From: Prats, John (CED) (786) 469-2202
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 11:52 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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He is a volunteer of the organization outside of his job. I have no knowledge of any involvement in preparing the bid; I do not believe that to be the case. His support has been in helping to write the specs of the RFP, and he has played an integral role in preparing the advertisements and in staffing the RFP public comments meeting, etc. His support to the Chair consists only in putting together emails received from any of the members and other customary administrative duties inherent in the process.

Thanks for your time.

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 11:43 AM
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John,

Sorry for not responding sooner. What do you mean that he is a member of this organization in his private life? Does he have outside employment with the firm and was he involved at all in preparing the bid that the organization submitted to OCED? Finally, what type of staff support has he provided or is he expected to provide the non-voting committee chair?

I'll give you an opinion no later than tomorrow if you can respond to my questions today.

Thanks,

Robert
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From: Prats, John (CED) (786) 469-2202
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:56 AM
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Subject: Request for Opinion

Robert,

The Office of Community and Economic Development currently has an active RFP. Today is the first meeting of the voting committee. We learned that one of the bids is from an organization that one of our employees happens to be a member of in his private life. His role has been only that of staff support in his capacity as a Principal Planner. He will not be part of the voting committee. Is there any conflict in his continued participation in the process, for example, having him participate in the process of providing staff support to the non-voting committee chair.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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