



Via First Class Mail
and
email at idealarch@aol.com

ETHICS COMMISSIONERS

June 30, 2010

Kerry E. Rosenthal, CHAIRPERSON
Dawn E. Addy, VICE CHAIRPERSON
Judge Seymour Gelber

ROBERT A. MEYERS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHAEL P. MURAWSKI
ADVOCATE

ARDYTH WALKER
STAFF GENERAL COUNSEL

Maria I. Gonzalez
IDEAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, PA
1900 Coral Way, Suite 202
Miami, FL 33145

Re: INQ 10-115
Doing Business with the County as a County Advisory Board Member

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

In correspondence to our office on June 29, 2010, you said that you wish to do business with the County through your privately owned company, IDEAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, PA.

You asked if any ethics conflicts prevented you from contracting with the County based on your recent appointment as a volunteer member to the Miami-Dade County Small Business Advisory Board.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that you may contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your duties to the County. In particular, **you are “prohibited from contracting with any agency or department of Miami-Dade County subject to the regulation, oversight, management, policy-setting or quasi-judicial authority of the board of which [you are] a member.”** See Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(3).

This means that as long as you are a member of the Small Business Advisory Board, you and/or IDEAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, PA, may not contract with the Small Business Advisory Board or with any County departments or agencies subject to regulation, oversight, or management by the Small Business Advisory Board.

Additionally, note that you may not vote on any matters that come before the Small Business Advisory Board if you will be directly affected by the action of the Board and you have any of the following relationships with any of the persons or entities appearing before the Board: (i) officer, director, partner, of counsel, consultant, employee, fiduciary, or beneficiary; or (ii) stockholder, bondholder, debtor, or creditor. See Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (v).

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