

INQ 10-55

COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST
INFORMAL ADVISORY OPINION
INQUIRY 10-55
March 15, 2010

You requested an opinion regarding whether your husband may apply for a job with a contractor that is doing business with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency. In your request, you informed me that you do have any responsibilities regarding the contract including selection or oversight. The contract will be supervised by the Facilities Department. Your only role will be to provide access to units so the contractor may perform the necessary repairs.

The Conflict of Interest ordinance permits your husband to apply for a job with an outside vendor who is contracting with the county. Section 2-11.1(f) (disclosure of employment by firms doing business with the county) only requires that you disclose any employment by an immediate family member with any individual, firm or entity that has contracts with Miami-Dade County. Immediate family is defined as spouse, parents and children. A disclosure form is available on the Elections Department website under outside employment.

If you have any further questions or I can provide additional assistance, please contact me.

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Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Johnson, Jabrina
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Cc: Anderson, Michael (MDPHA)
Subject: Request for Ethics Opinion

I am seeking assistance with situation. I have a county vendor currently awarded a window replacement and repair job in a building that I am the Property Manager of within the Public Housing section of MDPHA. The outside contractor is currently hiring for 2 vacant positions and I wanted to know if it would be ok if my husband applied and interviewed for one of their laborer positions?

Although the work is being done on this site, I would not be involved in the interviewing, hiring or supervising process of this outside contractor. The contractor have their own Project Manager that will be the on-site supervisor, and the Contractor is supervised by our Facilities Department and Jorge Zaldivar from MDPHA is the Construction Manager for this project.

The Commission's opinion would be appreciated as soon as possible so that if approved an employment application could be submitted timely.

I can be contacted in the office at the number below or by cell (786) 255-1556.

Thank you

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