

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 4:15 PM
To: Adebisi, Halimah (ASD)
Subject: INQ 11-108 Adebisi

Ms. Adebisi,

This is in response to your question about whether the County Ethics Code prevents a business associate of yours from entering into a contract independently and on her own behalf with a County vendor. In brief, the business arrangement, as you described it, is not prohibited.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

1. You are the Budget and Finance Supervisor for the County's Animal Services Department.
2. You and Temitope Odumuyiwa are partners in a private company registered in Florida as Crown Commodities LLP.
3. Temitope Odumuyiwa, in her private capacity and not in association with Crown Commodities LLP, has been offered a job to do the payroll for the staff of Total Connection, Inc.
4. Total Connection, Inc., is a County vendor owned by Joseph Orukotan that, among other services, provides cleaning supplies to the Animal Services Department.
5. In your capacity as Budget and Finance Supervisor, you approve invoices for products provided to the Animal Services Department by Total Connection, Inc.

Although the County Ethics Code does not bar Ms. Odumuyiwa from entering into a contract with Total Connection, Inc., the Ethics Code contains several relevant restrictions for County employees. These include, but are not limited to, the prohibitions that County employees not exploit their official positions to benefit themselves or others and not disclose confidential information acquired by reason of their official positions. See the County Code at Secs. 2-11.1 (g) and(h).

Thank you for clarifying this business relationship and allowing us to provide you with an ethics opinion.

Sincerely,

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From: Adebisi, Halimah (ASD)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:49 AM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: Re: Requesting Opinion

The name of the vendor is Total Connection.
Thanks

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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Adebisi, Halimah (ASD)
Subject: RE: Requesting Opinion

Hello Halimah,
Could you please advise us of the name of the county vendor?
Thank you,

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From: Adebisi, Halimah (ASD)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:43 AM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: Requesting Opinions

Good Morning Victoria...as discussed, My name is Halimah Adebisi, I am an Accountant 3 with Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department. I have a Limited Liability Partnership with a friend...the name of the business is Crown Commodities LLP. My partner just got an offer to be doing payroll with one of the County Vendor/Contractor. Please I will like to know if this is ok? Thanks so for much for your taking your time to talk to me this morning.

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