



Via First Class Mail and
email at aburgess@miamidade.gov

Permission to engage in outside employment must be obtained annually from the County employee's supervisor. This opinion does not confer permission to engage in outside employment.

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July 6, 2011

Andrew Burgess
ABCON ELECTRIC, INC.
5425 NW 177 Terrace
Miami, FL 33055

Re: INQ 11-109, Limitations on Doing Business with the County
See also INQ 10-122

Dear Mr. Burgess:

In an email to our office on June 29, 2011, you said that you wish to become an officer in a privately owned company, ABCON ELECTRIC, INC. ABCON ELECTRIC, INC., is currently a County vendor contracting with the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI).

Your position as an officer of ABCON ELECTRIC, INC., will not affect the company's current contracts with the OCI. The County Ethics Code allows ABCON ELECTRIC, INC., to enter into contracts with all County departments **except** the Miami-Dade County **General Services Administration (GSA)** because of your current employment as an Energy Management Specialist with GSA.

Last year, the Ethics Commission staff provided an opinion to your father, Reynold Burgess, president of ABCON ELECTRIC, INC., stating that his company could not enter into contracts with the County Parks & Recreation Department because of your employment at the time with the Parks & Recreation Department.¹

Since then, you have been transferred to GSA. Consequently, this letter serves to inform you that ABCON ELECTRIC, INC., may not enter into contracts with GSA.

Thank you for calling to our attention the change in your employment location within the County. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,


VICTORIA FRIGO
Staff Attorney

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¹ See INQ 10-122, July 14, 2010.