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Ms. Hegedus,

This is in response to your request for an ethics opinion regarding qualifying your company as a County vendor. You stated that your brother, Norman Hegedus, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Aviation Department.

No conflict is created by the employment of your brother with the County Aviation Department. Under the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (b)(9), "brother" is not included within the definition of "immediate family." Vendors are generally prohibited from contracting with departments that employ their immediate family members, which are defined as a spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, children or stepchildren.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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