

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 3:42 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: INQ - Timorthy P. Ryan, Director, Corrections & Rehabilitation Department

Mr. Ryan inquired as to whether he has any prohibited conflict of interest in participating in the final selection process for the vendor who will provide inmate legal (law library) services for his department. According to Mr. Ryan, while he was working for the Sheriff's Office of Alameda County, CA in the late 1980's, he was required by judicial order to help create a legal service for inmates among private attorneys in the San Francisco area. The result of the collaborative effort he was involved in was the creation of Legal Research Associates (LRA). He also used LRA when he worked in Orange County and brought them initially to Miami-Dade as a "sole source." LRA is now engaged in a bid contest regarding the contract with another provider. Mr. Ryan was concerned that his prior involvement with LRA might cause some conflict with his involvement in decisions about awarding the bid. Mr. Ryan informed me that neither he nor any family member has any ownership or other financial interest in LRA. He does not stand to profit or be enhanced in any way if LRA is chosen for the contract. I informed him that, under the aforesaid circumstances, he did not have any prohibited conflict of interest under any provision of Section 2-11.1 of the Code of Ordinances, and could participate in the selection process.

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