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Pedro R. Diaz
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Re: INQ 12-48, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Mr. Diaz:

On March 15, 2012, you asked about limitations in doing business with the County through your privately owned company, Diaz PR Group, Inc., which provides public relations services. Your father, Rene Diaz, is the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Office of Community Advocacy.

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) allows your company to enter into a contract with Miami-Dade County as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your father's duties to the County. This includes the condition that he does not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your father's job responsibilities and job descriptions may require him to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination or forbearance. Finally, he may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee or administer your contract. In your case, this means that Diaz PR Group, Inc., may not enter into contracts with the Miami-Dade County Office of Community Advocacy, including any of the boards or programs within its purview.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code as it applies to County employee-vendors at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) only. It is not applicable to any conflicts under other sections of the County Code or to issues related to state or federal laws.

If any of the facts you have presented change or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,


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