

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 2:22 PM
To: Millan, Luisa M. (ISD); Shortal, Patrick (Seaport)
Cc: Ramos, Mike (ISD); Singer, Miriam (ISD); Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: E11-SEA-03, PMC Selection Committee Member (INQ 12-62)

Ms. Millan and Mr. Shortal:

You asked if the Ethics Code prevents Mr. Shortal from serving on the above-referenced selection committee.

The selection committee is reviewing four proposals—one of which is from AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Mr. Shortal was employed by AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in its transportation “business line,” until April 2, 2010. His appointment to the selection committee occurred on March 1, 2012, at which time he immediately began performing official duties in this capacity.

Sec. 2-11.1 (x) of the County Ethics Code prevents Mr. Shortal from performing any County contract-related duties regarding AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for two years following his employment with AECOM. Consequently, **Mr. Shortal should not be serving on the selection committee described above because he was appointed and began his official duties prior to the two-year ban.**

We further advise that an appointment to a selection committee shortly after the two-year proscription, although not strictly prohibited by the Ethics Code, may create an appearance of impropriety.

Various “business lines” and FEINs at AECOM Technical Services, Inc., are not factors distinguished in the Code and are not relevant to this opinion.

The foregoing construes the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code only and is not applicable to conflicts under other County or state laws.

Sincerely,

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From: Shortal, Patrick (Seaport)
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 4:57 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: RE: VERY IMPORTANT - Request for Information

Ms. Frigo, on April 9, 2012, I responded to the email inquiry below from the County’s Internal Services Department about my previous employment history in order to determine if I have ethical standing to participate in a County consultant selection committee for a professional services agreement (PSA) on behalf of the Seaport. However, in order to expedite this issue and to clear up any concerns, I am seeking an expeditious ethical opinion as my employment with

Miami-Dade County started on April 5, 2010 and, prior to my employment with the County, I was employed for three (3) months with an AECOM subsidiary company (different FEIN) with my last day of service to AECOM being April 2, 2010.

As a part of the consultant selection committee process, every member is required to deliver a signed [Neutrality/Disclosure Form](#) to the first tier meeting. The first tier meeting for the selection committee in reference was first scheduled for April 6, 2012, but cancelled. The first tier selection committee meeting has not yet been re-scheduled. Personally and professionally, I have no qualms with signing and returning the [Neutrality/Disclosure Form](#) certifying "that I have not been employed by any of the proposers during the preceding period of twenty-four months".

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter. I look forward to an expeditious determination in order to avoid any professional service loss to the Seaport.

From: Shortal, Patrick (Seaport)
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 10:33 AM
To: Ramos, Mike (ISD)
Cc: Clerk of the Board (COC); Singer, Miriam (ISD); Millan, Luisa M. (ISD)
Subject: RE: VERY IMPORTANT - Request for Information

Mr. Ramos – prior to joining Miami-Dade County, I was previously employed by AECOM Transportation, a subsidiary of AECOM Technology Corporation. My last day of employment was April 2, 2010. Please let me know if you need additional information per your request.

From: Ramos, Mike (ISD)
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 9:38 AM
To: Shortal, Patrick (Seaport)
Cc: Clerk of the Board (COC); Singer, Miriam (ISD); Millan, Luisa M. (ISD)
Subject: VERY IMPORTANT - Request for Information

Good Morning Mr. Shortal

We need your help as we perform our due diligence related to solicitation E11-SEA-03 – Program Management Consultant (PMC). Please provide the following information:

1. Were you previously employed by AECOM USA, Inc.?
2. If answer to item number one above is in the affirmative, please provide last date employed by AECOM USA, Inc.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank You and best regards,

Mike Ramos,
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