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Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 3:02 PM
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Cc: Fernandez, Jorge (OMB); Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: PMG Associates and CRA (INQ 13-25)
Attachments: letter to ethics re conflict of interest.docx

Importance: High

Ms. Gonot,

I have discussed your request with Jorge Fernandez in the Office of Business Management and find nothing in the facts you presented to trigger review under the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1.

We understand that PMG Associates is one of several consultants approved to work for the Miami-Dade CRA. PMG Associates would like to bid on a job with the City of Miami Gardens to establish a Miami Gardens CRA. Your consulting work with the Miami-Dade CRA would not involve oversight of any work you might do for the Miami Gardens CRA.

Although not in the County Ethics Code, other laws related to government contracting are likely to prohibit you from accepting overlapping responsibilities and reviewing your own work.

Sincerely,

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From: Kathy Gonot [<mailto:kathy@pmgaecon.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 9:10 AM

To: Ethics (COE)

Cc: Fernandez, Jorge (OMB)

Subject: request an opiniion please

Importance: High

Good morning. Please see attached letter documenting a situation that is coming up very soon. I would appreciate your guidance and assistance ASAP.

once again, Thank you

Kathy

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RE: Possible conflict of Interest

PMG Associates, Inc. (PMGA) is a member of the Miami-Dade County “Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Consulting Pool, EPP-69-7.” In that capacity PMGA may assist the County in various tasks regarding CRAs. Some tasks have included conducting a “Finding of Need” for an area and the development of a CRA Plan. As a member of the pool, PMGA and all members of the pool would respond to a “work order request” issued by the county. The responses would then be judged by County Staff on a variety of items. We may or may not be chosen to execute said work order. PMGA is only given a chance to respond along with all members of the Pool. The responsible Staff person has been Jorge Fernandez, in the Office of Business Management, jjorge@miamidade.gov.

PMGA would like you to make a determination as to whether it would be a Conflict, if our firm responds to an Request for Proposal (RFP) in the City of Miami Gardens for the creation of a CRA and to complete a “Finding of Necessity.” We have spoken with Jorge Fernandez regarding this and he has stated that should this type of work and reports come to the County, it is not a project that he would “bid” out to the members of the Consulting Pool. He also recommended that we make contact with you.

Please let me know ASAP as this RFP’s closing date is approaching fast and I would need to know officially from your office your response to my question. Should you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me at (954) 427-5010

Thank you,

Kathleen R. Gonot
President