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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 2:39 PM
To: Allen-Johnson, Lenora (Aviation)
Cc: Jones-Wilfork, Bobbie (Aviation); Clark-Vincent, Marie (Aviation); Clerk of the Board (COC); Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Robert M. Taylor-MIA Hotel-RFP MDAD-08-12 (INQ 13-86)

Ms. Allen-Johnson,

Robert M. Taylor, Senior Vice President of CBRE, has a conflict of interest to serve on the selection committee that is evaluating proposers for the hotel management contract at the Airport.

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (j) states that a selection committee member must not have other employment that would impair his independence of judgment in the performance of his public duties. The fact that Mr. Taylor has a current contractual relationship with Driftwood Hospitality argues against his being able to make an independent decision about Driftwood's competence as a bidder on the Airport contract.

We do not wish to imply that Mr. Johnson would not perform his responsibilities properly. Rather, the conflicting employment standard aims to be preventative in nature, particularly when an individual's personal or private financial interests are involved.

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

Sincerely,

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From: Allen-Johnson, Lenora (Aviation) [<mailto:LALLEN-JOHNSON@miami-airport.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 11:02 AM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Cc: Jones-Wilfork, Bobbie (Aviation); Clark-Vincent, Marie (Aviation); Clerk of the Board (COC)
Subject: FW: Neutrality/Disclosure Form - Robert M. Taylor-MIA Hotel-RFP MDAD-08-12

Good morning,

I work with the Miami Dade Aviation contracts administration division. Please see the response below from one of the approved committee members for the subject project. I need to know if we have a conflict based on the response provided. The evaluation selection committee memo is also attached for

your use. The subject project is an RFP and follows the County process regarding this type of procurement. If you would like to discuss further, please give me a call at (305) 876-8065. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Taylor, Robert M. @ Miami [mailto:Robert.Taylor@cbre.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 10:31 AM
To: Allen-Johnson, Lenora (Aviation)
Cc: Owens, Greg (Aviation)
Subject: Neutrality/Disclosure Form - Robert M. Taylor

Lenora;

I wanted to ask for clarification.

I am a hotel transaction broker with CBRE. We are finishing up an assignment with one of the bidders for the Miami Airport Management Contract; Driftwood Hospitality. CBRE Hotel's assignment was to sell their hotel, Staybridge Suite, in Dallas, Texas. The listing agreement was signed in November of last year. We have selected a buyer and should go under contract this week.

I have not had any discussions, nor will I, with Driftwood about this airport opportunity. (I just received the box of information on Tuesday of this week and saw them as one of the participants).

I think as a real estate broker here in Miami, I am going to know, or have done business, with many of the groups who might be bidding for this assignment. I hope it is this experience that the committee feels is valuable. Does this disqualify me from working on this committee?

I want to be transparent and look forward to feedback on this question.

Thank you.

Robert

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