

## Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2014 8:39 AM  
**To:** 'Gerri Lazzarre'  
**Subject:** RE: Limitations on Doing Business with the County INQ- 14-64  
**Attachments:** INQ 14-64 Lazzarre.pdf

Ms. Lazzarre,

Here is the amended letter that reflects your position at BAAB as Vice-Chair.

Have a great weekend.

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco  
Staff Attorney



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**From:** Gerri Lazzarre [mailto:GLazzarre@TrimergeCPA.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 5:20 PM  
**To:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: Limitations on Doing Business with the County INQ- 14-64

Thank you for the follow up.

Yes, it is Vice-Chair, officers were installed last month, it looks like staff hasn't had a chance to change yet.

Yes, please change. Thank you and have a great weekend.



Gerri Lazarre, CPA, MsTax

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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) [<mailto:GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 3:08 PM

**To:** Gerri Lazarre

**Subject:** FW: Limitations on Doing Business with the County INQ- 14-64

Dear Ms. Lazarre:

My apologies. Your current position with BAAB is that of Vice-Chair. I used the information on the website which still lists you as Secretary. I would be happy to change the letter I just sent you to reflect your current position. Let me know if you would prefer that.

Best regards,

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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 3:02 PM  
**To:** Gerri Lazarre ([GLazarre@TrimergeCPA.com](mailto:GLazarre@TrimergeCPA.com))  
**Cc:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** Limitations on Doing Business with the County INQ- 14-64

Dear Ms. Lazarre:

Attached is the Limitations on Doing Business with the County Ethics Opinion letter. Please note that it indicates that your board service with the Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB) does not prohibit you from entering into a contract with the County as long as BAAB has no oversight over your county contract(s). I will send you the original letter via regular mail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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March 20, 2014

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*Please submit this letter to the Procurement Management Services Division with your Relatives of County Employees Wishing to Register as County Vendors' application. The Ethics Commission does not submit this letter on your behalf.*

Re: INQ 14-64, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Ms. Lazarre:

You serve on the Miami Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB) as Vice-Chair. BAAB's mission statement states that it "exists to advocate for the social, economic and educational needs of the diverse Black World Community in Miami-Dade County." It does not fund any County departments or agencies.

On March 17, 2014, you asked about limitations in doing business with the County through your privately owned company, TriMerge CPA. TriMerge provides accounting, tax, and temporary employment services.

Your board service with BAAB does not preclude you with contracting with the County as long as BAAB has no oversight over your County contracts.

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(3) prohibits a County board member from entering into a contract with the County if the board on which she serves would oversee the contract. Further, Sec. 2-11.1(m)(2) prohibits a County board member from making presentations or seeking any benefits for herself or others from the board on which she serves. Sec. 2-11.1(v) is also relevant. It prohibits a County board member from voting on a matter if she would be directly affected by the vote and she has an enumerated relationship with the entity before the board.

Based on the facts you presented, you would not have a prohibited conflict of interest because BAAB would not be involved in any aspect of the contracts your firm enters into with the County,

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest Ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Inquiries regarding possible conflicts under state law should be directed to the Florida Commission on Ethics.

If any of the facts you have presented change or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gilma Diaz-Greco".

Gilma Diaz-Greco  
Staff Attorney

*BOARD MEMBER*  
**County Employees Wishing to Register as County Vendors**

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(Please list the names, titles, and departments of any immediate family members currently employed by Miami-Dade Co.)

*BOARD MEMBER'S*  
 The Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest & Code of Ethics at § 2-11.1 (c)(2) allows County employees to contract with the County in certain circumstances and if the following criteria are met. Please confirm that you will meet all of these criteria:

1. Entering into a contract with the County will not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of my duties to the County.
2. I will not participate in determining the contract requirements.
3. I will not participate in awarding the contract.
4. My job responsibilities and job description will not require me to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance.
5. I will not be working in the County department that enforces, oversees, or administers the contract.

I have read these requirements and pledge to abide by them.

**Signature**

**Date**

Your ethics opinion will be sent to you by first class mail and email, unless you request another type of delivery.

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