

From: Eugene Steinfeld
To: [Tommy Ruzzano](mailto:Tommy.Ruzzano)
Subject: RE: 16-088F Design/Build Margate Elementary Renovation
Date: Thursday, January 07, 2016 11:37:00 AM

The answer is yes (but I wrote an opinion to provide safe harbor under the Broward ordinance).

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From: Tommy Ruzzano
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 11:34 AM
To: Nancy Popick; Nancy Popick
Subject: Fw: 16-088F Design/Build Margate Elementary Renovation

Does this mean I can participate, simple yes or no is fine and the quicker the better.
Thank You,
Tommy Ruzzano
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From: Eugene Steinfeld
Date: Wed, Jan 6, 2016 4:09 PM
To: Tommy Ruzzano;
Cc:
Subject:FW: 16-088F Design/Build Margate Elementary Renovation

Additionally, as there is no specific rule pursuant to Broward County Ethics Ordinance, the below analysis would also be applicable as to the Broward Ordinance.

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From: Eugene Steinfeld
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 4:07 PM
To: Tommy Ruzzano
Subject: RE: 16-088F Design/Build Margate Elementary Renovation

You have asked me whether you may serve on the QSEC committee for Margate Elementary School for bond and construction renovations for the process of securing contractors for the design/build for Margate Elementary, which is a part of the Broward County School Board.

As you know, the City of Margate has various contracts with the Broward County School Board. It is a violation of State Law to be employed by a business or entity which does business with or has a contract with the City of Margate where the employment would have influence over the decision making over both agencies as they relate to each other. Being on the advisory board for choosing contractors for Margate Elementary would not be a violation of State law as it would have no reference to any recommendations regarding the City of Margate. Further, as I presume that your appointment to the QSEC is uncompensated, that is not deemed to be conflicting employment.

As a further caveat, there could be conflict if the contracting company in which you are a principal, were to the Broward School Board for the project at Margate Elementary School on which you are on the QSEC Committee.

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From: Tommy Ruzzano
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 1:46 PM
To: CityAttorney
Subject: Fw: 16-088F Design/Build Margate Elementary Renovation

Gene,
Can I participate in this.
Thank you,
Tommy Ruzzano

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From: Thomas J. Schroeder
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2016 1:32 PM
To: Tommy Ruzzano;
Cc: Eileen Meyerson; Vicki B. Flournoy;
Subject: 16-088F Design/Build Margate Elementary Renovation

Good Afternoon Mayor Ruzzano,

Happy New Year! As part of our Bond program and construction renovations, we have to work on the process for securing contractors. Procurement~Services has advertised the RFP-16-088F Design/Build for Renovations for Margate Elementary. As part of the process, I have to name a member of the communtiy who will also sit on the QSEC committee with myself. I immediately thought of you, if you were available. Below is some additional information regarding the process:

As per Policy 7003~- PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, DESIGN BUILDERS, CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS, AND TOTAL PROGRAM MANAGERS PURSUANT TO THE CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT (QSEC).

The date for our QSEC meeting is on February 3, 2016. I am not sure of the time/place yet. However, if you are available, please let me know.

Thanks so much in advance.

Thomas J. Schroeder
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"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."--Benjamin Franklin

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