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Advisory Opinion from June 18, 2012

The Commission considered the facts that were provided regarding a county employee and his participation in acting as an auctioneer or bidder on county items in the Reuse Program and any potential conflict with the County Public Ethics Laws.

The Commission determined that there would not be a violation of the County Public Ethics Law, specifically §8-11 (a) 2 (b), or §8-11 (a) 3. The employee does not work in the Solid Waste Division that operates the Reuse Program, or is affiliated with that division or the Reuse Program in any other way. In further comment, the Commission does not think it would be appropriate for the employee to be a bidder on an item in which he acts as an auctioneer, and that the process to bid or be an auctioneer should be advertised and open to the general public so that the employee would not be treated differently than any other citizen.

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