

Gov. Scott's Undisclosed Interest – Via First Lady – In Zika Mosquito Control Company



Florida Gov. Rick Scott has an undisclosed financial interest in a Zika mosquito control company in which his wife, Florida First Lady Ann Scott, owns a multi-million dollar stake through a private investment firm she co-owns.

The company is Mosquito Control Services LLC of Metairie, LA. According to its web site, MCS “is a fully-certified team of mosquito control experts – licensed throughout the Gulf Coast, including Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.”

On June 23, Gov. Scott signed an executive order allocating \$26.2 million in state emergency funds for Zika preparedness, including “mosquito surveillance and abatement, training for mosquito control technicians and enhanced laboratory capacity.”

It does not appear, however, that MCS stands to benefit from Florida government funds. The company, whose services include monitoring and aerial spraying, is not a registered state vendor. The Department of Health contracts with two other two mosquito control vendors, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has no business license on file for MCS, although a license is not always required, according to department spokesman Aaron Keller.

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