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Robert Meyers, Esq., of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole Bierman, inquired concerning whether a municipal contractor could cover incidental expenses, such as food and beverage, at a local conference held in Miami-Dade County or a nearby County, without requiring a waiver of the travel expense prohibition in Section 2-11.1(w) of the County Ethics Code. I advised him that, based upon INQ 13-26, while the prohibition does cover incidental expenses provided to public officials where the public official is traveling to a location, such as an out-of-town conference, it would not apply to local events. INQ 13-26 indicates that a local event is one held in Miami-Dade County or an adjacent County. Therefore, the prohibition would not apply and no waiver would be required in those circumstances.

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