

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 05-129

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 9:58 AM
To: Rodriguez, Anna (Building Code Compliance Office)
Subject: RE: Complimentary Travel Inquiry

Hi Anna,

Based on the facts that you have provided, there is no provision in the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that bars Mr. Gonzalez from accepting the complimentary registration fee and travel-related expenses that the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) wishes to cover for him. Because AAMA is not a County vendor, it is not bound by the provisions of the Code that restricts vendors/contractors from paying for travel and travel-related expenses of County employees. Secondly, Mr. Gonzalez does not have to report the expenses that AAMA incurs as a result of Mr. Gonzalez's travel to the conference as gifts due to the fact he is officially participating in the conference and is on the program.

If you wish to discuss the above with me in more detail, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Robert

From: Rodriguez, Anna (Building Code Compliance Office)
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2005 7:29 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Saltos, Juanita (BCCO); Gonzalez, Herminio (BCCO); Charles, Kathy (BCCO)
Subject: FW: Complimentary Travel Inquiry

Hi Robert,

Our Office has a concern regarding an upcoming travel our Director Herminio Gonzalez might be taking. The issue is regarding travel reimbursement not made by the County. I am not sure if this question needs to be submitted via formal opinion since I believe there is some updated language or standards regarding this type of question. I have attached some information regarding the event and below is a brief explanation on the request.

The American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) has invited Mr. Gonzalez to attend the Southeast Region 2005 Fall meeting to participate in the signing ceremony of the Miami-Dade/AAMA Windborne Debris Agreement. They have requested his attendance since Mr. Gonzalez has served as a liaison with the Florida Building commission and AAMA regarding Product Approval. This meeting will take place on September 8-9, 2005 in St. Augustine, Florida and AAMA has offered complimentary registration and reimbursement of travel and lodging expenses for Mr. Gonzalez.

We want to make sure that Our Office complies with The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

Please advise if additional information is required.

Thank you,
Anna

From: Saltos, Juanita (BCCO)
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2005 2:37 PM
To: Rodriguez, Anna (Building Code Compliance Office)

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Subject:

Anna:

Attached is information on Herminio's travel for your use. Thanks for your help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JS' with a large loop on the left side.

Juanita Saltos, Sr. Executive Secretary
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