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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 3:28 PM  
**To:** 'Millor, Lucy'  
**Subject:** RE: Registered Lobbyist Rules

Ms. Millor,

Sorry for not responding sooner. If you invite potential vendors to do a demonstration for staff or provide staff with information, the employees who appear on behalf of these potential vendors do not need to register. The Ethics Commission has held that such activities are not considered lobbying when the public employer initiates the contact – particularly in cases when the RFP has not been issued. Furthermore, due to the fact this will occur before the RFP has been advertised, the Cone of Silence does not apply.

If you have any follow-up questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Millor, Lucy [mailto:LMillor@um-jmh.org]  
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**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Registered Lobbyist Rules

Thank you for clarifying the Lobbyist Registration Rules for me earlier. I would like to recap the issues so I can get your opinion in writing:

We are doing Market Research to develop the RFP specifications or requirements for a HealthCare Document Imaging computer system. As part of the market research I have contacted several vendors, obtained written and verbal information and have invited three vendors to show us their system and its features (a Demo). Two of the vendors, Siemens and Cerner, have other (unrelated) relationships with Jackson. The third vendor, Streamline Health, does not have, to be best of my knowledge, any other contact with Jackson.

So, the question is whether any of the vendors I contact or invite over for information or demonstration during the Market Research phase (prior to the publication of the RFP) need to register as Lobbyists.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

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