

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 11:41 AM
To: Beecher, Ines (PWD)
Subject: RE: Valent Biosciences Educational Tour, December 5-7

Ines,

The county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance precludes County personnel from accepting travel and travel-related expenses from County vendors, service bidders, bidders, proposers and their lobbyists. From the facts that have been described below, the firm that wishes to pay for the employee to tour its facilities is not a County vendor and is not seeking a County contract. Under the circumstances, the abovementioned section of this ethics code would not be violated if the company covered the cost of the employee's travel.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Beecher, Ines (PWD)
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 4:43 PM
To: Fisher, Sandra (PWD); Calas, Esther (PWD); Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: RE: Valent Biosciences Educational Tour, December 5-7

Robert-

Could you please give the Public Works Department an opinion on this issue-it would be appreciated.

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From: Fisher, Sandra (PWD)
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 2:57 PM
To: Calas, Esther (PWD); Beecher, Ines (PWD)
Subject: FW: Valent Biosciences Educational Tour, December 5-7

Good Afternoon Esther and Ines:

At the conference I attended earlier this week I was approached in reference to this Educational Tour being offered by one of the manufacturers of the products we use. We do not actually have contracts with them-they are not our vendors, they produce the insecticides and sell them to the vendors we purchase our insecticides from, so we do not purchase anything from them directly, nor would we ever hold a contract with them, as they are not distributors. This is similar to what was done when we purchased the helicopter-that is, Marlon visited the manufacturing facility to observe how the equipment was constructed. I would very much like to take the tour of the facilities and learn more about how they manufacture, test and produce the products we use. Might I be approved to attend this tour, at their expense?

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From: Royals, Candace [mailto:Candace.Royals@valent.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 11:16 AM
To: Fisher, Sandra (PWD)
Subject: Valent Biosciences Educational Tour, December 5-7

Sandra,

I want to extend an invitation for you to tour the Valent Biosciences facilities in Libertyville, IL as well as the Abbott Laboratories facilities where the VectoBac and VectoLex products are manufactured. The trip includes a tour of the fermentation facilities, the bioassay labs, and the research facilities. You will meet with scientists involved in the manufacture and testing of our products and even learn about new research being done by Valent Biosciences.

Also attending this tour will be guests from the Cayman Islands Mosquito Control District as well as the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District. All accommodations will be taken care of by Valent Biosciences. Flights will be scheduled into Chicago on December 5th with the return on December 7th.

I do hope you will be able to join us. Other previous guests have included Mark Latham (Manatee), Dennis Moore (Pasco), and Doug Carlson (Indian River). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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