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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Subject: Inquiry

Ron Magill from Metrozoo called on March 8, 2006 and he asked whether he and his staff could accept a \$50,000 donation for his staff to travel to Africa. The award is being made by a member of the Zoological Society, the funding arm of Metrozoo. I inquired whether the individual donor is doing business with County. If he or one of his companies – one in which he holds a controlling financial interest – is doing business with the County, then the travel grant should not be accepted. However, I pointed out to him that a waiver provision exists in this Code section, giving the Board of County Commissioners the authority to waive the ban. If the donor is not a vendor, I concluded the travel grant can be accepted and the employees who travel ought to report the trip as a gift pursuant to the Code of Ethics Ordinance.

Robert Meyers

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