

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 04-34

To: dfer4742
Subject: RE: information request

David,

I am not aware of any request for opinion that our office received from R & Q Architects. As far as the registration procedures are concerned, you are not considered a lobbyist when you represent yourself. If you indicate you are affiliated with Resorts Solutions, you must register. If Resorts Solutions is a for-profit company, you must pay the annual registration fee before you commence your lobbying activities. If RSI is a non-profit, you would not have to pay the registration fee. Practically speaking, if you meet with GSA Aviation or another other employee and you are attempting to influence them, you are defined as a lobbyist under County law. The Code does not distinguish between meetings with County officials or personnel in public or private. It's the content of the communications that matters.

If you have any specific questions about the registration process, you need to contact Keith Knowles in the Clerk of the Board's office at (305) 375-5137. If you have any other questions about the definition of lobbying, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: dfer4742 [mailto:dfer4742@postoffice.uri.edu]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2004 12:38 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: information request

Robert,

I am sending you this message to ask about R&Q Architects (Mr. Roule Rodriquez) and a potential opinion you generated about their contract at the airport. Apparently at one point they approached you for a decision?

I also need to determine the most appropriate course of action for me to take regarding registration as a lobbyist? My understanding is that because I am not being paid and I represent only myself I would not need to register. My

understand, however is that if I mention that I operate RSI (Resorts Solutions International) then I would need to register, but could do so as a non-profit. The purpose of my approaching the Board of Commissioners is to begin to open

up dialogue with them about my efforts to date at the airport. Should things move forward I I recieve the blessing from GSA Aviation and the Directors Office I will then formally structure a holding company and register a LLC with the Secretary of States Office. At this point in time equity partners will be established and the financing mechanisms will be put into place.

Also

at this point I would register again as a spokesperson representing the holding company and I would pay the necessary registration fee. While representing myself..a D.B.A. I would be voluntarily exposing myself and my ideas. I have requested that these ideas be protected and I was told that any disclosure I made would be public record. Becuae of this trade off in confidence I believe I should be permitted to register as a non-profit.

Please advise me as to the course of action I should take?? I would wait to register until I hear from the Directors Gittens office that my approaching the Board would add value to the present condition. I plan to have a meeting with that office next week..

Sincerely,

David Ferdinand
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