

Meyers, Robert (COE)

To: Perez, Felix (ETSD) (305) 596-8098

Subject: RE: Ethics Compliance

RM 04-128

Mr. Perez,

The ban on county vendors paying travel expenses of county employees does not apply to travel expenses paid by other governmental entities. Therefore, it is consistent with the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance to have the Federal government reimburse the County for travel expenses in connection with the Urban Area Summit in Washington, D.C.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers

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

From: Perez, Felix (ETSD) (305) 596-8098

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2004 12:06 PM

To: Meyers, Robert (COE)

Cc: Petisco, Angel (ETSD) (305) 596-8455

Subject: Ethics Compliance

Good Morning Mr. Meyers:

I am writing to you to seek an advisory opinion on ethics and public trust.

Earlier this month, the Radio Communications Division under ETSD, was invited to attend the Urban Area Summit on October 27th and 28th being held in Washington, D.C. The meeting is sponsored by the SAFECOM Program Office in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) The entire trip is reimbursable to the County by the Federal government. Travel was approved by the County however, we wanted to ascertain that reimbursement by the SAFECOM office falls within the ethics guidelines of the County.

The Radio Communications Division is responsible for the County's radio network in support of public safety agencies such as Police and Fire however, our responsibilities also include serving on the State of Florida Region 7 Communications Committee to make better use of technologies and processes for the cross-jurisdictional and cross-disciplinary coordination of existing and future communications systems used by local, state and federal agencies . Attendance to the conference will be beneficial to public safety agencies in the region.

Additional Background:

The SAFECOM Program Office is an umbrella office under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Defense. SAFECOM was established in the spring of 2002 to address the wireless communication needs of public safety organizations. The intent of SAFECOM is to assure a safer America through more effective public safety communications. Additional reference data can be found at : http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/theme_home5.jsp and www.safecomprogram.gov.

I have also included below E-mail exchange between the County and SAFECOM Chief of Staff, Dereck Orr

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

10/29/04

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

From: Orr, Dereck <Dereck.Orr@dhs.gov>

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Sent: Tue Oct 26 18:29:04 2004

Subject: SAFECOM is a Department of Homeland Security Program

Ms. Bernal,

This email is in response to the note Jen Telander sent regarding your boss requiring justification that SAFECOM is a Federal program. SAFECOM is indeed a Federal program run by Department of Homeland Security. Please see our website at:

<http://www.safecomprogram.gov>

Dr. David Boyd is the director of the SAFECOM Program Office.

We are hoping you will attend the RapidCom Urban Area Summit to help represent Miami -- one of the 10 RapidCom urban areas. The outcome of this meeting will help us shape the work we are doing for SAFECOM and help set the nation's policy for communications interoperability.

Thank you.

Regards,

Dereck Orr, SAFECOM Chief of Staff

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