

Miami-Dade County
Commission on Ethics and Public
Trust

Memo

To: All County Officials and Employees

From: Joseph M. Centorino, Executive Director and General Counsel, Miami-Dade
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

Date: July 10, 2013

Re: Promotion at Port Miami

In light of the promotions being held at the Seaport by a County vendor, which include complimentary excursions aboard the new Bimini SuperFast vessel, this office has been requested to provide guidance concerning whether County officials or employees may accept such benefits. In accordance with Section 2-11.1(w) of the Miami-Dade County Code, no County officials or employees may accept travel expenses from County contractors, vendors or service providers. Hence, the promotional voyage to Bimini offered by Resorts World cannot be accepted by any official or employee of Miami-Dade County.

Please note that, unless a waiver of the prohibition has been granted by the Miami-Dade County Commission, there is no exception to this prohibition, even if the travel is disclosed as a gift. The County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance specifically provides that County officials and employees "shall not accept, directly or indirectly, any travel expenses, including, but not limited to, transportation, lodging, meals, registration fees and incidentals from any County contractor, vendor, service provider, bidder or proposer."