

Meyers, Robert (COE)

TNQ 07-134

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 1:23 PM
To: Ryan, Timothy (MDCR)
Subject: RE: Your request for opinion

Thanks for your response. We checked out this company and they do have a contract with Parks and Recreation. The significance of this is that County vendors are prohibited from paying travel expenses for any County official or employee. There is a waiver provision, and if you are interested in seeking a waiver, I can provide you more information. Absent a waiver, your only other option is to have your department pay for the travel.

If you wish to discuss, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers
(305) 350-0613

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

From: Ryan, Timothy (MDCR)
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 8:49 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Re: Your request for opinion

Hi Robert;

Not to my personal knowledge. But they are a national/ international construction company. I am told though they may have a connection to Jackson Memorial Hospital and have some sort of contract with MD Parks and Rec.

Thanks, Tim Ryan

I can try to get some more specific information.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
To: Ryan, Timothy (MDCR)
Sent: Mon Aug 13 11:23:35 2007
Subject: Your request for opinion

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I received your letter and I want to give you a timely response. Before I do so, I need to know whether the Heery International Corporation does business with Miami-Dade County. Your answer to this question will affect my opinion.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director

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August 6, 2007

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
19 West Flagler Street, Suite 207
Miami, Florida 33130

Subject: Participation in Justice Summit (re: Heery International Event in Denver, Colorado)

Dear Executive Director Meyers:

Pursuant to the enclosed, the Heery International Corporation has invited me to attend an event they have described as a Justice Summit. My role would be as one of a corrections professional panel member discussing issues faced by local detention departments including, but not limited to, problems, needs, funding, etc. As the Director of MDCR and Past President of the American Jail Association, it is their belief, and mine, that I could positively contribute to this program.

Even though I would be taking earned leave to participate, the Heery International Corporation would be covering expenses including flight, lodging, and certain per diem. There is no consultant fee and/or other honorarium provided. All other expenses would be covered by me personally. (Note: Please be aware that it is presently planned that my wife would attend with me, but we, not Heery, will cover her expenses.)

Given the above and enclosed, as well as being a fairly new employee to Miami-Dade County, could you please provide me appropriate guidance on the ethical consideration of attendance? As you might be aware, I believe it is a program in which I can professionally contribute, as well as return with information to help the county make appropriate decisions in the future relative to the corrections master planning.

If at all possible, could you please provide appropriate direction in the next two weeks as they are preparing their program and would be able to include me if considered appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy P. Ryan
Timothy P. Ryan
Director

TPR/lhg

Enclosure

c: Alina T. Hudak, Assistant County Manager
Tyrone W. Williams, Legal Advisor

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Subj: **Letter**
Date: 7/19/2007 1:26:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: scunning@heery.com
To: TimSueRYAN@aol.com

July 14, 2007

Dr. Tim Ryan, Director
Corrections & Rehabilitation Department
Miami-Dade County
3333 Rice St. #203
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Dear Tim:

This letter will confirm our verbal invitation to you to participate in the industry panel for the Justice Summit, hosted by Heery International, Inc. This educational conclave will take place in Denver, Colorado, September 20 and 21. We would like you to plan to arrive in Denver on Wednesday, September 19, in the afternoon. You will be free to leave Denver after the Thursday sessions, but we would love for you to remain with us for a dinner that evening and any of the in-house work sessions on Friday that you can.

Our goal for the panel is to provide an overview of the corrections/detention and justice industries across the United States - problems and issues, needs, service delivery, procurement, operations, funding and other challenges which impact both correctional and justice facilities and systems. The panel will be composed of industry leaders at the federal, state, county and city levels, representing courts, jails, prisons, and juvenile systems. I believe that your participation will greatly enhance this in-house educational effort of Heery International. On Friday, Heery personnel will begin our strategic planning process with your input.

This will be a "non-advocacy" panel, solely dedicated to support our in-house continuing education efforts for Heery International professional personnel. We have more than 60 staff who will be participating in this meeting.

We will cover travel and housing expenses during the Summit. There will be no personal gain for you in this capacity.

Your participation will greatly enhance the success of this educational Summit. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me. You will receive an official letter of invitation from Jim Moynihan, Heery CEO, in the immediate future. We look forward to having you join us for this important meeting.

Sincerely,

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Su Cunningham, National Director
Corrections/Justice Program
Heery International, Inc.