

INQ 09-21

Ethics (COE)

From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:23 PM
To: Alonso, Roy A. (Aviation)
Subject: RE: Requesting an Opinion

Dear Mr. Alonso:

Our office generally recommends against this practice of accepting products free of charge for a trial basis. If the company offers the product free of charge to all potential purchasers, then I would have no objection. If this free trial offer is limited to certain customers, then MIA should determine the fair market value of product and pay the price for two to four of them.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Alonso, Roy A. (Aviation) [mailto:RALonso@miami-airport.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 4:05 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Cc: Alonso, Roy A. (Aviation)
Subject: Requesting an Opinion

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you for an opinion regarding the testing of a product here at MIA. A vendor/manufacture of a specialized electric hand drier that is the new state of the art in efficiency and "Green" standards has offered to install two to four hand driers in a set of restrooms here at MIA for us to evaluate their efficiency and possible use. We may or may not pursue the use of this product. If it is determined to be beneficial for the operation, we would definitely follow the procurement policy for its purchase.

Is there a violation in having the vendor install this product, free of charge, at MIA for a test period?

Thanks

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