

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Garcia, Danny [DannyGarcia@mdpd.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2009 10:47 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Re: Ethics Question/Concern

Thank you for clarification on this Mr. Meyers. We will make the appropriate arrangements for meals and transportation.

Sent from my BlackBerry

Sgt. Danny Garcia  
Miami-Dade Police Department  
Forensic Computer Laboratory  
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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**To:** Garcia, Danny  
**Cc:** Murawski, Michael P. (COE)  
**Sent:** Mon Oct 05 10:33:51 2009  
**Subject:** FW: Ethics Question/Concern

Dear Sergeant Garcia:

If Microsoft is a County vendor, you are not permitted to accept the company's offer. The County ethics code prohibits county employees from accepting travel and travel-related expenses from County vendors. Meals, beverages and transportation are covered by this prohibition as well.

I suggest you find out from the Procurement Management Department whether Microsoft does business with the County. If the company isn't a County vendor, then you may accept its offer to cover meals and transportation. If the company is a County vendor, your department can cover these costs by writing a check to Microsoft for the amount specified in your e-mail. Finally, and I don't know if you have time for this, you may seek a waiver from the Board of County Commissioners to allow Microsoft to cover these costs.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

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**From:** Murawski, Michael P. (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:49 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Walker, Ardyth (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: Ethics Question/Concern

Sounds like they are seeking an opinion.

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**From:** Garcia, Danny [mailto:DannyGarcia@mdpd.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:43 PM  
**To:** Murawski, Michael P. (COE)  
**Cc:** Diers, Robert L. (MDPD)  
**Subject:** Ethics Question/Concern

Mr. Murawski,

Based upon a conversation with the assigned Legal Advisor for our Bureau within MDPD (Robert Diers), I am writing you this message for your review and response on the following situation.

I have been invited to attend two events named "Law Enforcement Tech" and the "Digital Crimes Consortium 2009" at Microsoft Corporation Headquarters in the Seattle, Washington area from October 12-16. The invitations were sent out to law enforcement and private entities which conduct and/or support cyber crime investigations around the world. There is no registration fee for any participant and this is not a sales seminar. I have attached a printout of the secure website for the conference as reference.

There is a question related to the form which Microsoft requests be signed by an ethics officer or attorney in order for participants to be fed and transported during these events. I have attached the form to this email for your review.

During the registration process, the following information was sent out to participants:

**Notice to all US Government Employees (Law Enforcement, military & education)**

The Digital Crimes Consortium 2009 is a Microsoft event to which you have been invited. There will be items of value available at no charge for attendees of this event, including but not limited to: **Meals, beverages and break snacks at \$44 USD per person per day, transportation to and from designated hotels to conference facility, approximately \$10 USD per day.** In order to comply with all applicable gift and ethics rules, Microsoft will not provide government employees (Law Enforcement, military & education) with meals or other items of value, without prior ethics officer or attorney approval. Please identify yourself as a government employee (Law Enforcement, military & education) at the event, and refrain from requesting or accepting "giveaways" unless you have paid in full or have prior ethics officer or attorney approval.

This notice is being sent out in the registration information from Microsoft and is also on the secure web site for the conference for all participants to read and acknowledge. I have included the phone number and email address to contact if you wish to verify the details stated above.

[registration@DCC2009.org](mailto:registration@DCC2009.org)  
 206-957-4782 (Local and International)  
 877-269-8259 (USA Toll Free)

Respectfully,



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