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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 2:48 PM
To: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Cc: Kuryla, Juan (Seaport)
Subject: INQ - Port/Miami FCCA Cruise

Ms. Webb:

You have inquired concerning whether it is permissible under the County Ethics Code for three Port employees to accept a complimentary cruise, including registration, cabins, receptions and meals in connection with an upcoming Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Platinum Meeting on board the *Disney Dream* scheduled for January 24-27, 2013. The FCCA is a non-profit trade association of which Port/Miami is a Platinum Member and pays an annual membership of \$10,000 to the FCCA. It is anticipated that during the cruise the Port employees will attend meetings and events relevant to their Port duties and the Port's operations, and engage in networking with other cruise industry members. The ship involved is owned and operated by Disney Cruise Lines, a county contractor at the Port/Miami, which is also a member of FCCA.

Although there is a prohibition in Section 2-11.1(w), Miami-Dade County Code, against the acceptance of travel and related expenses from County contractors, the latter section also contains an exemption from the prohibition for "travel expenses paid by other governmental entities or by organizations of which the County is a member if the travel is related to that membership." Under the circumstances described above, the latter exemption would apply to the upcoming FCCA cruise. Therefore, there is no prohibition to Port employees' acceptance of this cruise. It would be appropriate for the individuals involved to make proper disclosure of the cruise and ancillary benefits on the county gift disclosure form.

If you have any questions about this, please call me or staff attorney Victoria Frigo at 305-579-2594.

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

From: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 3:07 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Kuryla, Juan (Seaport)
Subject: Florida Caribbean Cruise Association - Platinum Member Cruise Event

Dear Mr. Centorino:
I hope you had a nice New Year....

We would like to share with you the following information regarding the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association's ("FCCA") Platinum Meeting onboard the *Disney Dream* scheduled for January 24-27, 2013.

The FCCA is a not-for profit trade organization composed of 15 member cruise lines operating vessels in Florida, the Caribbean and Latin American. The FCCA provides a forum for discussion on tourism, port development, marketing, legislation, security and other cruise industry related issues. Members include cruise lines, governments, public and private ports, destinations, tour operators, cruise line providers, etc. Please feel free to look at their website: www.fcca.com.

PortMiami is a Platinum Member and pays an annual membership of \$10,000 to the FCCA. Membership benefits, among other things, include: complimentary registration at FCCA Annual Conference, one-on-one meetings during FCCA Annual Conference, exclusive receptions, complimentary registration at FCCA Annual Gala Dinner (hosted by PortMiami and Port Everglades), complimentary cabin to attend the FCCA Annual Cruise (this request/email), access to research and statistical data, attendance to committee meetings, speaking opportunities at FCCA workshops, etc.

Each year the FCCA holds a Platinum Member Meeting hosted by one of its member lines onboard one of their ships. This year's event will be hosted by Disney Cruise Line onboard the *Disney Dream*. As stated above, this is one of the benefits of a Platinum Membership. PortMiami has been offered 3 cabins for this conference. The conference gives port representatives an opportunity to exchange industry information and to network with top decision makers from the cruise lines among others.

At the moment, port representatives planning to attend are: Juan Kuryla (Deputy Port Director), Lisa McMillion (Assistant to Port Director) and Hydi Webb (Manager of Business Development). The referenced employees would follow-up and disclose the event as a gift to the County should this be approved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need additional information, please let me know.

My best,
Hydi

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