

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 2:48 PM
To: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Cc: Frigo, Victoria (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: INQ - Port/Miami

Ms. Webb:

You have inquired on behalf of Port/Miami whether the Port Director, Deputy Port Director and Assistant Director, Business Initiatives, may accept a complimentary cruise from Norwegian Cruise Line for its Inaugural Celebration in recognition of its newest vessel, *Norwegian Breakaway*. The event will take place on a cruise from Miami to New York which will be hosted by Norwegian Cruise Line aboard the vessel from May 8-10, 2013. It is my understanding that Norwegian Cruise Line is one of the cruise lines at Port/Miami that has an ongoing contractual relationship with Miami-Dade County. I understand that the event in question has significance for the Port's relationship with an important partner at Port/Miami and that there would be some benefits accruing to the County because of the networking opportunities available as well as the opportunity for staff to experience the official welcoming in the Port of New York.

This issue is similar to the one involving the acceptance by Port employees of a free cruise from Disney Cruise Line that were won in a raffle held in recognition of Disney's new association with Port/Miami (INQ 12-229).

Section 2-11.1(w) provides that county officials or employees may not accept, directly or indirectly, any travel expenses, including, but not limited to transportation, lodging, meals, registrations fees and incidentals from any County contractor, vendor, service provider, bidder or proposer. This restriction may be waived by a majority vote of the County Commission.

Since Norwegian Cruise Line is a County contractor and/or service provider, and the personnel in question are County employees involved in the management of Port/Miami, this prohibition would extend to their acceptance of a complimentary cruise from Norwegian. Therefore, they may not, pursuant to the County code, accept the complimentary cruise unless a waiver has been granted by the County Commission. If the individuals in question feel that the benefits accruing to the County are substantial and that their participation in the cruise would serve a public purpose and provide unique benefits to the County, then they may either apply for a waiver from the County Commission or consider having the County pay for them to attend the cruise. In addition, they may also consider personally paying for the cruise.

I hope this helps clarify the situation for the Director and his assistants. Please call me at 305-579-2594 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

From: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 11:21 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: FW: Invitation - Norwegian Cruise Line, Breakaway Inaugural

Hello Mr. Centorino –

I want to make sure you received the below email inquiry regarding Norwegian Cruise Line's invitation for port representatives to attend the Inaugural Celebration for their new vessel, *Norwegian Breakaway*.

Thank you,
Hydi

From: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 6:19 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Invitation - Norwegian Cruise Line, Breakaway Inaugural

Dear Mr. Centorino:

I hope you are doing well.

We would like to share for your review an invitation from Norwegian Cruise Line to port representatives. Port officials have been invited to attend Norwegian Cruise Line's Inaugural Celebration for its newest vessel, *Norwegian Breakaway*. The event will be hosted by Norwegian Cruise Line onboard the vessel from May 8 – 10, 2013.

As you know, Norwegian Cruise Line is a tremendous partner of PortMiami. They have two new build vessels debuting within the next nine months. The first is the *Norwegian Breakaway* (home porting in New York) followed by *Norwegian Getaway* (home porting in Miami beginning January 2014).

PortMiami has been offered 3 cabins for this celebration on the *Breakaway*. Attendance gives port representatives an opportunity to network with senior executives from Norwegian Cruise Line, other port officials, and industry representatives. It will further allow staff to see how the City of New York and the Port officially welcome the vessel. As mentioned above, Miami will welcome Norwegian's next newest vessel, *Norwegian Getaway*, late January 2014. Miami is planning huge celebrations as this vessel will be the industry's first fully Miami-branded vessel. Included in Miami's welcome will be a full celebration with the Miami community and industry leaders for its official christening. These types of industry events are long-standing practices.

At the moment, port representatives planning to attend the *Breakaway* inaugural, should your office not see a conflict, are: Bill Johnson (Port Director), Juan Kuryla (Deputy Port Director), and Kevin Lynskey (Assistant Director, Business Initiatives). Those attending will follow-up and disclose the event as a gift to the County should this be approved.

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

My best,

Hydi

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