

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 11:10 AM
To: Livingstone, David (MDPR)
Cc: Rizo, Monica (CAO); Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diego, Allison (MDPR)
Subject: Diego_IBM Conference (INQ 13-10)
Attachments: IBM Ethics Approval.pdf

Mr. Livingstone,

The County Ethics Code allows Allison Diego, Assistant Parks Director, to attend the IBM Pulse 2013 conference in Las Vegas when The Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade is paying for Ms. Diego's air travel and lodging. See Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (w).

The Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade is a nonprofit fund-raising arm of the Parks Department that supports recreational, educational, and cultural programs and initiatives. The private-public partnership with the Foundation was established by County Resolution R-806-04.

We understand that Ms. Diego will be attending in her official capacity to make a presentation on how the County Parks Department saved money by using IBM technology to detect water leaks in swimming pools. As is customary for volunteer speakers, Ms. Diego's registration fee of \$1,995 will be waived by IBM.

I have signed the attached form required by IBM attesting that Ms. Diego's participation in the conference does not violate County ethics laws. Ms. Rizo's signature will also be required to attest that procurement regulations are not violated.

Sincerely,

VICTORIA FRIGO, STAFF ATTORNEY

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From: Livingstone, David (MDPR)
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:44 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Cc: Rizo, Monica (CAO); Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diego, Allison (MDPR)
Subject: RE: Form for IBM Conference

Ms. Frigo,

The Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade is paying for Air Travel and Hotel for Las Vegas.

Dave Livingstone

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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:37 PM
To: Livingstone, David (MDPR)
Cc: Rizo, Monica (CAO); Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diego, Allison (MDPR)
Subject: RE: Form for IBM Conference

Mr. Livingstone,

Mr. Centorino has asked me to respond to your request for an opinion about Ms. Diego's travel.

Please advise me of *who* is paying for Ms. Diego's *travel* to Las Vegas. We understand that IBM has offered to waive Ms. Diego's registration fee of \$1,995.

Thank you.

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

From: Rizo, Monica (CAO)
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 7:59 PM
To: Livingstone, David (MDPR)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diego, Allison (MDPR)
Subject: Re: Form for IBM Conference

Mr. Centirino,

To be clear, what IBM is seeking is an affirmation that Ms. Diego's attendance and fee waiver does not violate any County procurement and/or ethics laws. I would be happy to sign off on letter (for procurement issues) along with you (for ethics issue).

Sincerely,

Monica Rizo

On Jan 22, 2013, at 7:21 PM, "Livingstone, David (MDPR)" <DCL@miamidade.gov> wrote:

> Good evening Mr. Centorino,

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> Attached is a form for a Parks employee, Assistant Director Allison Diego, to have completed for attendance at an IBM conference. Ms. Diego will be one of the speakers at IBM's Pulse 2013 technology conference, giving a presentation on a water management solution for detecting water leaks in pools.

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> IBM will waive Ms. Diego's registration fee of \$1,995 because she will be a presenter, and has asked that the attached form be signed. Monica Rizo, Parks Assistant County Attorney, has seen this and asked me to forward to you for review.

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> Dave Livingstone

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> Assistant to the Director

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