

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 4:33 PM
To: Casas-Perez, Belkys (ITD)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: Association membership (INQ 13-147)

Ms. Casas-Perez,

An IT employee may accept a registration fee that he won in a raffle last year to attend an upcoming conference of the IT Financial Management Association. The registration fee is valued at between \$1,595 to \$2,495.

Because the fee is related to a meeting of an association of which the County is a member, the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (w) does not prohibit the employee from accepting the gift. Additionally, because the employee is attending in performance of his official duties, the gift is not reportable under Sec. 2-11.1 (e)(2)(e) of the County Code.

As we discussed, the IT Financial Management Association is *not* a County vendor that provides products or services to the County, but rather a professional association that the County belongs to and has paid membership dues to on behalf of IT employees.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Casas-Perez, Belkys (ITD)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 9:36 AM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: Registration Cost Inquiry
Importance: High

Good morning Mrs. Frigo,

I am writing to you to request your opinion on an ethics questions. We have an employee who is planning to attend a financial conference where the cost of registration is between \$1595 - \$2495 – the cost is determined based on the time of registration. This particular individual attended this conference last year and won a free conference pass during a drawing they had on the last day of the conference. See attached documentation

IT Financial Management Association is a registered vendor. Please let us know if we are able to take advantage of this free conference pass. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you,
Belkys