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Subject: INQ 13- 245 Santorio

Mr. Santorio,

You inquired whether Public Health Trust (“PHT”) employees may accept travel expenses from Sysmex Corporation (“Sysmex”) to attend instrument operator training at the company’s headquarters in Chicago.

You advise that the PHT’s contract with Sysmex includes a provision covering cost of travel for training. The Ethics Code bans county vendors from paying travel and travel-related expenses for County officials or employees. However, if the contract contains specific language authorizing the vendor to pay travel expenses for county officials or employees, the ban would not apply because, in essence, the County would be paying for it through the contract. Consequently, PHT employees are not barred from accepting travel expenses to attend Sysmex operator training.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have further questions.

Best regards,

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