

## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2013 3:45 PM  
**To:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ - Emilio Gonzalez - Executive Director - Miami-Dade Aviation Department

I received a call from Hiram Barroso, Executive Assistant at the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, who advised that the Executive Director, Emilio Gonzalez, had been the winner of a drawing held by a company associated with American Airlines, a county contractor. The company in question is believed not be a county contractor and is separate from American Airlines. However, it basically performs public information work for the Airlines. The gift that resulted from the drawing was 25,000 free miles on American Airlines. I advised that under 2-11.1(w), there would be an absolute prohibition on accepting free travel from a county vendor in the absence of a waiver granted by the Board of County Commissioners. Although this particular gift may have come from a separate company, its association with American Airlines, as well as the likelihood that American Airlines probably donated the free mileage, would make this a prohibited gift that should not be accepted by any county employee, particularly someone in the upper County management at the airport.

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