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INQ 16-25

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
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**To:** Perez, Martha D. (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ 15-25 Matthew Haber, Assistant City Attorney, City of Miami (Travel Expenses)

Matthew Haber, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Miami, inquired concerning whether there would be any prohibition under the County Ethics Code for AECOM, an engineering consulting firm which has done work for the City in the past but is not a current or prospective contractor, to invite City employees to participate in a local panel discussion event on climate change to be held at its headquarters in Coral Gables. There would be no travel expenses involved except possible refreshments or lunch attendant to the event. I advised that, insofar as there no current or pending contractual relationship between AECOM and the of Miami, there would be no prohibition under Section 2-11.1(w) for the acceptance of travel or travel related expenses. However, that section would not be implicated in this scenario since there is no travel involved outside of the area, so even if it were, the lunch or refreshments would fall under that section. They would also likely not be prohibited by either Section 2-613 of the Miami City Code or Section 112.3148, Florida Statutes.

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