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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 10:51 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Lydia Pimienta, Legal Assistant, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole Bierman P.L. INQ 17-245

INQ 17-245 Pimienta

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:29 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: INQ 17-245 Lydia Pimienta, Legal Assistant, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole Bierman P.L.

Good morning Mr. Centorino,

Thank you so much for your response. I appreciate the information.

Best regards,

Lydia

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE) [mailto:Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** Lydia Pimienta  
**Cc:** Turay, Radia (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ 17-245 Lydia Pimienta, Legal Assistant, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole Bierman P.L.

Ms. Pimienta,

In response to your inquiry, if one is meeting with a county official as a representative of a non-profit organization without compensation and only for the purpose of requesting a grant, then that person does not need to register as a lobbyist and need not take the lobbyist ethics course, pursuant to Section 2-11.1((s)(1)(b)).

If that individual is meeting with a county official on behalf of a non-profit without special compensation for a different purpose that to request a grant, and one that would constitute lobbying under that section, i.e., to seek to influence a decision of a County board, or the Mayor, or of any County personnel on a matter that will be heard or reviewed by any County board or committee, then that person would have to register as a lobbyist, but would not need to pay an registration fee, per Section 2-11.1(s)(4). However, that person would still be required to take the lobbyist ethics course under Section 2-11.1(bb).

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Joe Centorino

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**Subject:** RE: Lobbyist and Ethics Training question

Thank you so much. I appreciate it. I don't want to do the wrong thing.

Have a wonderful evening,

Lydia

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**From:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE) [<mailto:Rodzandra.Sanchez@miamidade.gov>]  
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**To:** Lydia Pimienta  
**Cc:** Centorino, Joseph (COE); Turay, Radia (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: Lobbyist and Ethics Training question

I am cc: Mr. Centorino and Ms. Turay that will be able to assist you with your question

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**From:** Lydia Pimienta [<mailto:LPimienta@wsh-law.com>]  
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**Subject:** RE: Lobbyist and Ethics Training question

For a company that is a not-for-profit organization does a person that will meet with a county officials or whoever need to register as a lobbyist?

I told my boss I thought the person needed to register as a lobbyist and take the Ethics course but I am not sure I am correct.

My boss sent me this and I need to make sure that he is correct:

Based on this, it does not appear that either Cydney or I, representing the not for profit company needs to register.

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As used in this section, "Lobbyist" means all persons, firms, or corporations employed or retained by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat, or modifications of (1) ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission;

(2) any action, decision, recommendation of the County Manager or any County board or committee; or (3) any action, decision or recommendation of County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process on such action, decision or recommendation which foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission, or a County board or committee. "Lobbyist" specifically includes the principal as well as any employee whose normal scope of employment includes lobbying activities. The term "Lobbyist" specifically excludes the following persons: attorneys or other representatives retained or employed solely for the purpose of representing individuals, corporations or other entities during publicly noticed quasi-judicial proceedings where the law prohibits ex-parte communications; expert witnesses who provide only scientific, technical or other specialized information or testimony in public meetings; any person who only appears as a representative of a neighborhood association without compensation or reimbursement for the appearance, whether direct, indirect or contingent, to express support of or opposition to any item; any person who only appears as a representative of a not-for-profit community based organization for the purpose of requesting a grant without special compensation or reimbursement for the appearance; and employees of a principal whose normal scope of employment does not include lobbying activities.

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What kind of question, so I can help...

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**Subject:** Lobbyist and Ethics Training question

Hi Rodzandra,

Would you be so kind and call me please. I need you for a second.

Thank you,

Lydia

Lydia Pimienta

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