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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Hydi Webb, Manager, Cruise Development, Port/Miami Re: MSC Seaside Naming Ceremony - Invitation (Travel, Gifts) INQ 17-288

INQ 17-288 Kuryla

From: Kuryla, Juan (Seaport)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:34 PM
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Subject: Re: INQ 17-288 Hydi Webb, Manager, Cruise Development, Port/Miami Re: MSC Seaside Naming Ceremony - Invitation (Travel, Gifts)

Thank you Joe for your quick response.

Regards,

Juan

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2017, at 5:43 PM, Webb, Hydi (Seaport) <Hydi.Webb@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Joe.

As always, we appreciate your quick response and feedback.

Happy Holidays,
Hydi

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2017, at 5:37 PM, Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Hydi,

As I understand this event, although it occurs on a cruise ship, there is no actual travel involved, i.e., the ship will remain in port and all events will take place on the ship. Therefore, the prohibition in Section 2-11.1(w) of the Ethics Code regarding acceptance of travel and travel-related expenses from county contractors would not apply since there is no travel or travel-related expense being provided by MSC Cruises, the entity with which the County has a contract.

Further, I see no prohibition in Section 2-11.1(e) that would prohibit management staff from attending this event. It is completely consistent with the duties of the management staff to be in attendance for local events, such as this one, which commemorate notable events at the Port. In my opinion, this event directly involves the County and County interests, and the presence of certain Port staff at this event serves a County purpose. For Port Management not to be in attendance at such an event could even be considered a dereliction of duty. Therefore, I do not consider this to be gift, but rather an event that requires County participation.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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From: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Subject: MSC Seaside Naming Ceremony - Invitation

Hello Mr. Centorino -

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier today. As mentioned, PortMiami staff has been invited to attend the naming ceremony for the MSC Cruises' newest vessel, MSC Seaside.

This is a huge industry event as it will be MSC Cruises' first vessel to be christened in the United States and we are so proud they have selected Miami-Dade County as their home.

The event will take place on December 21-22 on the pier at PortMiami followed by events throughout the evening onboard the ship. The ship will not sail away from the port. The event will be attended by senior level executives of MSC Cruises and MSC Shipping Company, as well as industry leaders in the cruise business.

As always, we like to share these invitations from our customers with you for your insight and approval.

Please confirm you are comfortable with us accepting this complimentary invitation.

As always, thank you.

Hydi Webb