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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: FW: Julian Manduley, IT Contracts & Procurement Manager, Miami-Dade County Information Technology Department (Travel expenses) INQ 17-61
Attachments: INQ 13-227 Campos.pdf

[INQ 17-61 Manduley](#)

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Subject: Julian Manduley, IT Contracts & Procurement Manager, Miami-Dade County Information Technology Department (Travel expenses) INQ 17-61

Dear Mr. Manduley:

You have inquired whether the Ethics Code would prohibit County employees of the Information Technology Department (ITD) from accepting travel expenses (tickets, airfare and hotel) to Socrata Connect 17 which are included in the renewal agreement between the County and Socrata.

Background

As background, the County has an agreement with Socrata to provide technology related services to the County. Socrata is a data product that the County uses for the County's Open Data Platform. The renewal agreement between Socrata and the County (for a fee of **\$137,608.06**) includes a provision for travel expenses (admission, airfare, hotel) for two ITD employees to attend the Socrata annual conference in Washington D.C. The conference will include training on the data platform, best practices, and meetings with other governmental agencies to discuss how they have solved issues similar to those the County is seeking to resolve.

Legal Analysis

Section 2-11.1(w) of the County Ethics Code prohibits County employees from receiving travel expenses from County vendors. However, based on the facts presented in this matter, Socrata's payment of travel expenses is not prohibited by section 2-11.1(w). This is because here, the County is providing adequate consideration for the travel expenses through the terms of the agreement; in other words, in essence, the County is paying for these travel expenses through the terms of the agreement. *See* INQ 13-227 (attached).

This opinion is based on the facts presented. If these, facts change please contact us.

Best regards,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney



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From: Manduley, Julian R. (ITD)
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Subject: RE: Socrata

The PO was issued by my staff.

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Subject: FW: Socrata

Julian:

Who has final approval on this PO?
Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Socrata

Ok - Thanks

From: Manduley, Julian R. (ITD)
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <Gilma.Diaz-Greco@miamidade.gov>
Subject: RE: Socrata

The Conference is among other things to learn about the platform, best practices, road map and networking with other government agencies and how they have solved similar problems.

Here is the agenda: <https://socrata-connect.com/agenda/>

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Socrata

Thank you Julian:

Give me a bit of time to review and I'll respond. One additional question: is the Socrata Connect Conference set up mostly for training purposes or for promotional purposes?
Best,

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Subject: RE: Socrata

Hi Gilma:

The County issued purchase order #POET1700989 for the Socrata product based on the attached quote. Based on the renewal terms, the County qualified for the Socrata Connect '17 tickets (see item #7). |

Socrata (<https://socrata.com/>) is the product that we use for the Open Data Platform for Miami-Dade County (<https://opendata.miamidade.gov/>). The County currently host among others the 311 dataset with 1,000,000 rows (<https://opendata.miamidade.gov/311/311-Service-Requests-Miami-Dade-County/dj6j-qg5t/data>) and the Jail Booking dataset.

We are in the process of adding the "Employee" dataset and "DERM" dataset.

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Subject: RE: Socrata

Good morning Julian:

Please provide additional details regarding the County's use of Socrata. For example: is there any contract or agreement between the County and Socrata; Is Socrata listed as a County Vendor? Please provide any other relevant details.

Thanks and best,

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Subject: Socrata

Hi Gilma:

We use a software product from Socrata and need the COE's opinion on the following:

Question: Socrata is offering to provide the County complimentary Socrata Connect '17 tickets (including airfare and hotel) for two people. Some restrictions may apply. All arrangements must be made through Socrata.

Please advise.

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