

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 1:19 PM
To: Meyer, John B. (CIO's Office)
Subject: RE: Fee Waived to Oracle Open World

Mr. Meyer,

After carefully reviewing your request and consulting with the Ethics Commission's Staff General Counsel, I conclude that it would be a violation of Section 2-11.1(w) if you and Mr. Nodarse accepted complimentary passes from Oracle Corporation to attend the OpenWorld Conference in September 2005. This section specifically bans County employees from accepting travel or travel-related expenses from vendors, bidders, service providers, bidders or proposers. In this particular case, Oracle Corporation is extending the offer and Oracle is a County vendor. Furthermore, the ordinance explicitly states that registration fees are expenses that vendors are prohibited from covering for County employees.

Therefore, you have two options available to you – assuming you wish to attend the conference. The first option is to seek a waiver from the Board of County Commissioners. The second option is for the Department to pay for these passes.

If you wish to discuss the above with me in greater detail, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers

From: Meyer, John B. (CIO's Office)
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2005 4:15 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Nodarse, Jose M. (ETSD)
Subject: FW: Fee Waived to Oracle Open World
Importance: High

Good afternoon Mr. Meyers,

Thanks for your time this afternoon. I hope we can get this reviewed in the County's favor as our move to ERP is very important and we are in the midst of implementation. Per our conversation attached for your consideration is the request from Oracle Corp requesting approval for MDC to accept two passes to the up coming conference. They require a written (letter or email) response to authorize releasing the codes for the waived access. A sample response from a public sector agency has been provided. This is made available to their public sector accounts and provide for only the registration portion of the conference. MDC will provide for all travel and accommodation related expenses customary. Below is an excerpt of the attachment:

As part of our customer relations efforts, Oracle is pleased to offer complimentary OpenWorld passes to select government employees and officials when appropriate under applicable laws and agency policies. Oracle is committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct and does not intend to offer an inappropriate gift or create the appearance of impropriety.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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From: Teri Wills [mailto:teri.wills@oracle.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2005 4:41 PM
To: Nodarse, Jose M. (ETSD); Meyer, John B. (CIO's Office)
Subject: Complimentary Passes to Open World
Importance: High

Jose and John,

Attached is the compliance letter for you to pass on to your ethics or legal office. Please refer any questions/requests from the legal/ethics contacts to me and I will pass them on to Stacey Hamilton. Once we have written approval (email is fine) from the government ethics group, I will be able to send you the pass codes to register.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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August 10, 2005

Miami-Dade County
Attn: Ethics Official or Legal Counsel
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5680 SW 87 Ave
Miami, Florida. 33173

Dear Ethics Official or Legal Counsel:

Each year, Oracle hosts OpenWorld, a six day conference that is the premier Oracle event for business and government procurement decision-makers, IT management and end users.

As part of our customer relations efforts, Oracle is pleased to offer complimentary OpenWorld passes to select government employees and officials when appropriate under applicable laws and agency policies. Oracle is committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct and does not intend to offer an inappropriate gift or create the appearance of impropriety. Accordingly, in this letter we are providing relevant information about the event so that your office can determine whether the following employee(s) may accept complimentary passes to OpenWorld:

1. Jose Nodarse
2. John Meyer

The event is described below, and further details can be found on our website.

Overview

- **Dates:** Saturday, September 17-Thursday, September 22, 2005
- **Location:** Moscone Center (North, South, West), San Francisco, CA
- **Web Site:** <http://www.oracle.com/openworld/sanfrancisco/conference/index.html>
- **Target Audience:** Oracle OpenWorld San Francisco is expecting more than 30,000 attendees. The main geographic targets for the event are the United States, Canada, and Northern Latin America. OpenWorld has content for all levels in the organization, including executive management, business managers, IT managers, DBAs, and developers.
- **Highlights:**
 - **Keynotes from industry leaders:** Larry Ellison, Charles Phillips, Chuck Rozwat, John Wookey, Mark Hurd, Scott McNealy, Paul S. Otellini and others to be announced.
 - **Business, technology, industry and solution tracks:** Over 800 sessions, hands-on labs, workshops, and Oracle University (OU) mini-lessons.

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- **Xtreme Weekend Program:** This exclusive two-day program will consist of highly technical, deep-dive content not typically available in the regular OpenWorld agenda. Oracle experts from applications and technology will be on hand to guide you through a series of intense breakout sessions, and X-Treme hands-on workshops.
- **The JD Edwards World Program:** An intimate, two-day program, within the week-long Oracle OpenWorld event, designed exclusively for World customers.
- **Exhibition Hall:** 220 Oracle partners in one venue.
- **Oracle DEMOgrounds:** the opportunity to meet the Oracle development team and experience over 170 Oracle demonstrations featuring the latest technology.
- **Oracle User Groups:** Stay in touch with the latest in Oracle technology that only the user groups can provide. With over 40 Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings, 25 PeopleSoft, Quest, and Oracle user group meetings on Saturday and Sunday, plus 100 usefocused papers delivered throughout the week, you will have the benefit of learning from the best and brightest in Oracle's community of customers.

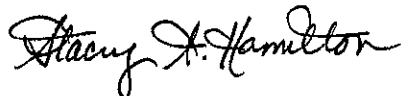
The Full Conference pass is valued at \$1750, and includes the following:

- Keynotes
- Exhibition Hall & DEMOgrounds
- Event Welcome Reception
- Conference Meals & Materials
- Transportation to/from official conference hotels and the Moscone Center
- Wireless Network & Messaging Center
- Conference Sessions
- OTN Underground
- OpenWorld Appreciation Event

Travel, lodging and additional expenses will not be provided by Oracle. Oracle understands that the employee and/or the company may be required to disclose acceptance of this pass to your agency or the public. We are also pleased to provide further supporting documentation upon request or where required by law.

I would appreciate a written response from your office **by Monday, August 15th** confirming whether your employee may accept this free pass from Oracle. If you need additional information, please contact me at 781-744-0438 or stacey.hamilton@oracle.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Stacey A. Hamilton
Director, Political Compliance