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Meyers, Robert (COE)

To: Patchen, Donn (COM)

Subject: RE: Focus Group

Donn,

Per our conversation, you indicated that Comcast does business with the County. Therefore, it would be impermissible under the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance for Comcast to pay for your travel-related expenses to Denver to participate in a focus group. I did suggest, however, that you might have two other options. 1) Ask the County Commissioner for a waiver or 2) Have the city of Denver cover your travel. The ordinance does not limit one government from paying travel expenses for employees of Miami-Dade County. Finally, if Comcast were to reimburse Denver for the cost of your trip, that's probably acceptable, too.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: Patchen, Donn (COM)

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2004 3:10 PM

To: Meyers, Robert (COE)

Subject: FW: Focus Group

Mr. Meyers,

I've been asked to participate in a focus group to discuss the future of Government Access television. Ms. Byron West in Denver is developing a plan of action and has requested my participation. See the attached email below.

The city of Denver works hand in hand with Comcast cable and Comcast is sponsoring this event. Comcast is arranging travel and lodging for the participants. I do not regulate or directly interact with Comcast or any other local cable companies. All interaction is governed by the Consumer Services Department.

I'm requesting your opinion regarding:

- Is it okay for me to participate?
- Is it okay for Comcast to arrange for travel and lodging?

Thanks for your help.

Donn.

-----Original Message-----

From: Brem, BeeGee - OTIS Admin Asst [mailto:BeeGee.Brem@ci.denver.co.us] **On Behalf Of** West, Byron M. - OTIS

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2004 5:22 PM

To: dsp@miamidade.gov

Subject: Focus Group

The City and County of Denver and the City of Aurora, Colorado are teaming up with Comcast to explore the potential uses of cable technologies to meet the unique needs of local communities beyond the current existing models. One of the first steps is to bring together a variety of specialists who work in or with local governments to participate in a two day workshop. These individuals were recommended by Byron West, the former president of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA), and the current Director of Television and Internet Services for the City and County of Denver.

The group represents television producers, regulators, technologists and members of the cable industry who will spend two days developing a model for the future as well as working through some of the technical opportunities and obstacles. The ideas that are generated will become the basis for creating a working model that will be a partnership between the two hosting cities above and Comcast.

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