

Walker, Ardyth (COE)

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**From:** O'Sullivan, Cathy (OIG)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2002 5:58 AM  
**To:** Walker, Ardyth (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: conference sponsorship

Ardyth: Alan said you would be the person to respond to their request below.

Cathy O'Sullivan  
Office of the Inspector General

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

**From:** Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2002 8:37 AM  
**To:** O'Sullivan, Cathy (OIG)  
**Cc:** Marko, Benigna (DP&Z); Bregman, Michael (DP&Z); Crowley, Maria (DP&Z)  
**Subject:** FW: conference sponsorship

Good Morning Cathy,

Per our telephone conversation, attached is Mr. Bregman's e-mail regarding a possible conflict of interest. As discussed, please copy me as well as the employee so that I may be able to document our inquiry and use for future reference.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

*Hilda Castillo*

**Personnel and Information Services  
Department of Planning and Zoning**

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

**From:** Bregman, Michael (DP&Z)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2002 2:43 PM  
**To:** Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)  
**Cc:** Crowley, Maria (DP&Z)  
**Subject:** conference sponsorship

Hi Hilda,

As you know, the annual conference of the American Planning Association's Florida Chapter takes place this year in Key West. The Gold Coast Section, as hosts, is currently seeking sponsorships for the conference.

As a member of the Board, I have been assisting with conference planning. I am also an alumnus of the University of Florida's program in Urban and Regional Planning and would like to know if I may legitimately contact them to inquire if they would like to buy a sponsorship.

Thank you,

Michael Bregman

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**From:** Walker, Ardyth (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2002 7:36 AM  
**To:** Bregman, Michael (DP&Z)  
**Cc:** Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)  
**Subject:** Annual Planning Association Conference

You inquired as to whether you are permitted to solicit a sponsorship for the Annual Planning Association's Florida Conference from the University of Florida's program in Urban and Regional Planning. The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits you to solicit a sponsorship from the University of Florida. The Ethics Commission has found that employees may solicit contributions on behalf of charitable or professional organizations as long as the employee is not a department head or a procurement employee and the contributor is not a vendor, contractor or subordinate of the soliciting employee. If you have any further questions or I can provide any additional assistance, please contact me.