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**From:** ETHICS  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2002 10:58 AM  
**To:** Christensen, Steve (SWM)  
**Subject:** RE: Christmas Parties

Assuming the parties are free of charge to all the individuals who are invited, not just County personnel, attending the parties would not violated the County Code of Ethics. There are, however, certain departments that do not permit their employees to attend such parties. This would be a departmental policy, rather than a Countywide policy.

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Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** Christensen, Steve (SWM)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2002 10:35 AM  
**To:** ETHICS  
**Cc:** Casey, Lee  
**Subject:** Christmas Parties

We do business with local laboratories that often invite us to Christmas parties, etc. This is a blanket invitation that they send to all their clients, not just us. It's a good way to get a tour and meet the people we talk to over the phone. Is there a problem attending these sorts of functions?