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INQ 18-44 Garrote

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Subject: INQ 18-44 Cynthia Garrote, Procurement Analyst/Ethics Officer, Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department (ISD) (Gifts)

Ms. Garrote,

You have inquired on behalf of the Risk management Director and two other employees at ISD regarding whether they may attend a meeting/luncheon with the Chairman of Lloyds of London, to which they have been invited. Lloyds is a County vendor/contractor handling the County's property insurance. The value of the luncheon gift is substantially less than \$100. The purpose of the luncheon appears to be the provision of information relevant to the responsibilities of the invited employees and to be of benefit to the County. The prospective attendees have not solicited the invitation. The event in question is local and does not involve any travel outside of the area.

Under these circumstances, Section 2-11.1(e) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance would not prohibit acceptance of this gift since it is not being proffered for any improper purpose. Also, it does not involve any travel or travel-related expense that would be prohibited under Section 2-11.1(w) of the Code. Section 112.3148 would prohibit the acceptance of any gift from a county vendor that exceeds \$100, which is not the case here. In fact, there would be no necessity for the attendees to report the gift under Section 2-11.1(e)(4) of the County Code since the value does not exceed \$100.

It is my opinion that the invitees may attend the luncheon.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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Subject: Question re: attendance of meeting and luncheon

Hi Joe,

Per our conversation, our Risk Management Director and 2 other County employees have been invited to a meeting/luncheon with the Chairman of Lloyds of London. We place all of our property insurance through Lloyds of London and it is beneficial to the County that they attend, as the Chairman will be speaking on market trends and other relevant information, such as hurricanes, etc.

This is being sponsored by our exclusive property broker, Gallagher. The lunch will cost about \$20 per plate.

Please advise if they may attend. The meeting is tomorrow. Apologies for such short notice.

Thanks,

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