

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 07-69

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2007 5:41 PM
To: Almeida, Shirley (JAC)
Subject: RE: Friendly reminder to Construction Catering about May 5th pick-up of food and time

Ms. Almeida,

There is nothing in the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that prohibits the County from accepting donations from County vendors. We have occasionally given opinions relative to soliciting donations from County vendors and have concluded that as long as the vendors understand they are under no obligation to donate, the solicitations are acceptable. Our other concern on the solicitation front is for the soliciting department to be careful that they don't only target current County vendors when they engage in these solicitations.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
(305) 350-0613

From: Almeida, Shirley (JAC)
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2007 4:15 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Friendly reminder to Construction Catering about May 5th pick-up of food and time

Mr. Meyers:

We spoke about this issue a couple of weeks ago and my recollection is that you concurred with Mr. Roundtree's statement below. As I remember, you were going to follow up our conversation with an email. However, I cannot find your response in my system. I would greatly appreciate it if you could forward your response again. I will be sure that I save it where I can find it this time!

Thanks
Shirley

From: Roundtree, Amos (DPM)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 7:58 PM
To: Almeida, Shirley (JAC)
Cc: Zaron, Erica S. (CAO); Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: RE: Friendly reminder to Construction Catering about May 5th pick-up of food and time

Hi Shirley,

As we discussed, I am not aware of any prohibitions regarding accepting donations from County Vendors. So long as there is no implied or explicit quid-pro-quo I do not think you would have a problem. However, since this is not really a procurement issue you may want to run it past Erica Zaron or Robert Myers.

Amos C. Roundtree, Director
Purchasing Division and
Procurement Competition Advocate

5/9/2007

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From: Almeida, Shirley (JAC)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 6:40 PM
To: Roundtree, Amos (DPM)
Subject: FW: Friendly reminder to Construction Catering about May 5th pick-up of food and time

From: Almeida, Shirley (JAC)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 6:21 PM
To: Bryant, Mae D. (CMO)
Subject: RE: Friendly reminder to Construction Catering about May 5th pick-up of food and time

Amos:

I think that we covered this aspect when we spoke but I want to be sure. I realize that we need a fair market value for this donation and will need the County Manager's approval before we can accept. But, given that we need to follow those procedures, is it ok for us to accept donations from companies who contract with the County?

Thanks for your help!

Shirley
(The attached letter is only a rough draft)

From: Bryant, Mae D. (CMO)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 6:07 PM
To: Almeida, Shirley (JAC)
Subject: FW: Friendly reminder to Construction Catering about May 5th pick-up of food and time

Shirley,
Did we clear that it is okay for us to receive donations from Construction Catering?

From: Tourgeman, Rachel (DHS)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 2:44 PM
To: Frazier, Debbie P (DHS)
Cc: Bryant, Mae D. (CMO); Tynes-Saunders, Phyllis (DHS); Finnie, Wanda D. (JAC); Almeida, Shirley (JAC); Garcia-Amodeo, Jeannette (JAC)
Subject: Friendly reminder to Construction Catering about May 5th pick-up of food and time

Hello Debbie,

Thanks so much for agreeing to place this very informal letter (reminder) on our stationery so that it can be faxed to one of the sponsors for our up-coming rally. He prefers that we fax it instead of e-mailing it... Please call me when you have it ready so that I can go pick it up...

A billion times...thanks!

Rachel

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