

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2007 3:08 PM
To: Fuentes, Mary (ETSD)
Subject: RE: Ethics Opinion

Dear Mary,

It isn't clear to me from your e-mail whether the business donations are for the September 18th employee breakfast or the November 14th event for the middle school children. I will assume you are asking about the donations from the business community for the employee breakfast. Due to the fact that no ETSD employee will receive a gift in excess of \$100 at the breakfast, there is nothing for the employees to report. I would recommend, however, that ETSD reports the gifts received from the various donors, as the total value of the donations will surpass \$100. I see this as a departmental gift and in these cases we suggest the department director, as a representative of the department, has accepted the gift on behalf of the department and should report it as such.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Fuentes, Mary (ETSD)
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2007 9:56 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Subject: Ethics Opinion

Hi Robert,

On November 14th 2007, Miami Dade County will host a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day event, entitled "GIS ... more than a destination". The purpose of GIS Day is to educate children and adults on the application of geography and technology and how it affects their lives every day.

The event is sponsored by the National Geographic Association and is celebrated in over 80 countries around the world. We will be hosting 300 middle school kids throughout the day. Please visit our website for more information: <http://www.miamidade.gov/gis/>

Activities planned throughout the day include demonstrations of GIS applications such as the County's new Land Information System, a guided tour through the map gallery, and a visit to a Miami Dade Fire Truck to show how GIS is used by first responders.

In an effort to raise funds to cover expenses for the day such as miniature globes and other rewards for the kids, we will be hosting an employee breakfast here at ETSD on September 18th.

The following businesses have committed to providing donations:

- Tampa Farms Services (30 doz eggs)

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- Thomas English Muffins (350 English muffins)
- Winn Dixie (\$25 gift certificate & possible discount on other items)
- McDonald's – 300 spoon/fork sets & empty fruit cups
- Moe's Party rental – 4 food warmers

Please provide us with an opinion. I want to ensure that are not violating any ethics rules.
Thank you, please feel free to give me a call should you have any questions.

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GIS Day is November 14th - Be there!

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