

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2009 3:01 PM  
**To:** Gonzales, Dan (GSA)  
**Subject:** RE: Ethics Inquiry

Mr. Gonzales:

The county's ethics code prohibits county vendors from paying travel or travel-related expenses for county personnel. In your particular case, the National Association of Counties wants to cover the cost of your travel to receive your feedback concerning better retirement programming for county employees. The National Association of Counties does not meet the definition of a county vendor or service provider. Therefore, the National Association of Counties may pay your travel expenses in connection with this business trip.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

**From:** Gonzales, Dan (GSA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2009 12:28 PM  
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Mr. Meyers

Background:

NACo endorses our 457 Deferred Compensation program with Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS). NACo has chosen 12 plan sponsors from around the country to attend. Miami-Dade County is one of the plan sponsors selected. The purpose of the trip is to provide feedback to NACo and NRS on what can be done to provide a better program for County employees. I've attached a copy of the correspondence that NACo sent me.

Inquiry:

Is it permissible for me to accept a business trip that is paid for by the National Association of Counties (NACo)?

Sincerely,

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