

Meyers, Robert (COE)

JNQ 10-69

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 3:06 PM
To: 'O'Connor, Brian'
Subject: RE: Question for the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP

Brian:

Thank you for your prompt reply. My major reservation with the golf tournament has to do with the pairing of vendors and employees. For example, if a city purchasing director were paired with a company representative whose company is seeking to do business with that city, it could create an appearance of impropriety. If the vendor currently has no business with the city and is not proposing to do business with that city, then I would have less of a concern.

Any municipal employee who works for a municipality located within Miami-Dade County has to report gifts exceeding \$100. If NIGP uses sponsorship money to cover the rounds of golf for certain employees, those employees in Miami-Dade County would be required to disclose the gift from NIGP if it exceeds \$100. If a vendor were to pay for an employee's round, the gift could be accepted and the employee would be required to report the gift as described above. However, I would recommend against vendors directly paying for the round (regardless of the cost) if the vendor has a contract with that city or is attempting to secure business with that city. If the vendor has no business relationship with the employee's government, then legally the gift could be accepted under the county ethics code. If NIGP wishes to give a partial discount to government employees to play golf, then the employees would only have to report the discount if were greater than \$100.

Based on your earlier e-mail, it appears that a consultant has been retained to solicit vendors for potential sponsorships. This approach would be preferable to individual government employees soliciting vendors for potential sponsorships

The Reverse Trade Show, as you have described in your e-mail, would not violate the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. The fifteen minute presentations by vendors are acceptable too as long as the presentations are unrelated to any ongoing procurement processes taking place in any of the cities whose employees are attending the presentations.

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

Thanks,

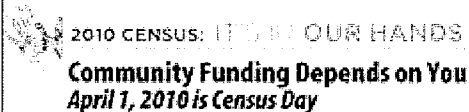
Robert Meyers

From: O'Connor, Brian [mailto:Brian.OConnor@citynmb.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 10:37 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Question for the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP

See below and attached, call me at 305-338-4800 if you have any questions. The attached flyer has not been published, we are awaiting your opinion in case we need to modify it.

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE) [mailto:RMEYERS@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 10:14 AM
To: O'Connor, Brian
Subject: RE: Question for the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP

Brian:

I have a few questions for you:

Do you expect the sponsors to come from the pool of vendors who will be attending your trade show and golf tournament or will some sponsors appear in name only? Both

Are vendors going to be included in the foursomes with the employees? If so, is it going to be random pairings or will the vendors or employees be allowed to select their foursomes? Yes, Random pairing.

Do you have an approximate value of the cost of the round of golf? Chapters cost is \$59.00 w/out lunch. See attached proposed flyer.

Can all vendors who pay the admission fee make a fifteen minute presentation or are the presentations limited to those vendors who become sponsors? See proposed flyer

Once you answer the above questions, I can give you an opinion.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

From: O'Connor, Brian [mailto:Brian.OConnor@citynmb.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 11:14 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Question for the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP
Importance: High

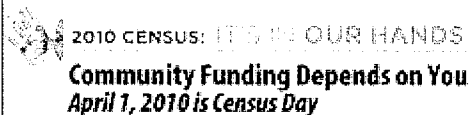
Robert,

I never received your written opinion on the below item, can you please resend it? Also you stated you would send me some information on your upcoming Nova Event.

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From: O'Connor, Brian
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 10:35 AM
To: 'rmeyers@miamidade.gov'
Subject: Question for the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP
Importance: High

Mr. Robert Meyers,

In the spirit of asking first;

In June of this year the Greater Miami Chapter of NIGP along with the City of North Miami Beach will be hosting a Reverse Trade Show and Golf Tournament to promote education on doing business with government, at the event there will be agencies from all over Dade and Broward County. Vendors will be charged for admission to the event and we will be seeking sponsorships for the Golf Tournament with part of the proceeds going to NMB Leisure Services Department for their Summer Camp program to provide grants to kids whose parents cannot afford to send their kids to the program and the other part will go to education for NIGP Members. We are hiring a consultant to handle the Golf Tournament and he will be in contact with potential sponsors for the event. Some sponsorship packages will include some branding at the Reverse Trade Show and allow the vendors to do a 15 min presentations to other vendors and governmental employee's.

The Golf Tournament will also be a golf and networking event where we intend on having the governmental employee's play with a foursome. Can we (NIGP) use the sponsorship money to pay for the governmental employee's to play with the foursome? If not, can we have reduced rate (cost) for the governmental employee to play?

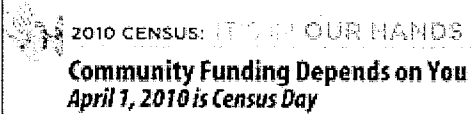
Aside from the question above can you provide any provisions that we should be aware of that could be later perceived as an issue.

I can be reached on my cell phone @ 305-338-4800.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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