
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 9:36 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Gerald Bryan, Section Chief, Miami-Dade Transit INQ 14-227

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From: Bryan, Gerald E. (MDT)
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 5:25 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Singer, Miriam (ISD)
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: RE: INQ - Gerald Bryan, Section Chief, Miami-Dade Transit

Okay, thanks Joe.

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S@4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: "Centorino, Joseph (COE)"
Date: 09/23/2014 5:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Bryan, Gerald E. (MDT)", "Singer, Miriam (ISD)"
Cc: "Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)"
Subject: INQ - Gerald Bryan, Section Chief, Miami-Dade Transit

Mr. Bryan,

You have inquired whether you may accept a paid trip (flight, hotel, registration) to Las Vegas from IBM to attend an IBM Conference, where you have been asked by IBM to assist in a presentation regarding the findings of a study done by IBM at Miami-Dade Transit, where you are employed as a Section Chief. If, as you seem to indicate, IBM is a current County vendor, then you may not accept this trip unless the County Commission waives the restrictions of Section 2-11.1(w) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. The latter ordinance provides that no County official or employee "shall accept, directly or indirectly, any travel expenses, including, but not limited to, transportation, lodging, meals, registration fees and incidentals from any County contractor, vendor, service provider, bidder or proposer." There is no exception applicable to your circumstances. This prohibition may be waived only by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino
Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Bryan, Gerald E. (MDT)
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 3:48 PM
To: Singer, Miriam (ISD)
Cc: Libhaber, Bruce (CAO); Williams, Zandra (MDT); Guishard, Armored (MDT); Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: RE: Request to speak - IBM conference

Thanks Miriam. I see Joe is copied on your response. I will await his determination.

From: Singer, Miriam (ISD)
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 3:34 PM
To: Bryan, Gerald E. (MDT)
Cc: Libhaber, Bruce (CAO); Williams, Zandra (MDT); Guishard, Armorel (MDT); Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: RE: Request to speak - IBM conference

Hello Gerald. I do not believe this is allowable, but defer to Joe Centorino for his opinion.

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From: "Bryan, Gerald E. (MDT)"
Date:09/23/2014 3:22 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Singer, Miriam (ISD)"
Cc: "Libhaber, Bruce (CAO)" , "Williams, Zandra (MDT)" , "Guishard, Armorel (MDT)"
Subject: Request to speak - IBM conference

Miriam – I have been invited to speak at IBM's conference in Las Vegas October 27, 2014. Earlier this year IBM partnered with Miami-Dade Transit to perform a 'bus bunching' analysis on heavily-used MDT routes. I worked closely with IBM staff on this project, and they are going to be presenting their findings at the conference. They have asked me to co-present as the MDT rep. IBM is willing to pay my travel expenses for the trip (flight, hotel, conference registration).

It is my understanding that County code does not allow MDT-approved vendors to pay for travel for MDT employees. I understand why this would be; potential conflict of interest and all. However, they are offering to cover my expenses in exchange for me speaking at their conference. Is that allowable?

I copied Bruce Libhaber on this email for a legal opinion. Bruce, please feel free to jump in with such.

As the conference is about a month away, we need to know quickly whether this is allowed. Please let me know as soon as practicable. Thanks.

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