
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: FW: INQ 14-233

INQ 14-233
Expanding on previous INQ 14-218

From: Nares, Dimitrios (RER)
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 12:34 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: Regarding Previous INQ 14-218- New response: INQ 14-233

Thank you Mr. Centorino.

Regards,

Jimmy Nares

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 12:26 PM
To: Nares, Dimitrios (RER)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ 14-218

Mr. Nares:

Based upon the updated information you have provided, it appears that the upcoming mission to Brazil, which will include Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz as well as you and another County employee, will now be funded entirely out of revenues received through the Trade Mission Center of the Americas, Inc. a Section 501(c)(3) organization, and that those revenues do not include any donated funds from any County vendor, contractor, service provider, bidder or proposer.

Under these circumstances, it is my opinion that the trip may go forward and the funding plan for the trip does not violate Section 2-11.1(w) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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

From: Nares, Dimitrios (RER)
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 11:28 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Ferro, Alex (Office of the Mayor); Gelfman, Josh (RER); Rodriguez, Eric (CAO)
Subject: Business development mission to Brazil and revenue to pay for mission expenses

Good morning Mr. Centorino:

County Attorney Gerald Sanchez called me this morning to discuss how our upcoming mission to Brazil will be funded, and he asked me to provide you with a summary.

All mission related revenue and expenses will be routed through the Trade Mission Center of the Americas. Inc 501c3 non-profit bank account at City National Bank. This account currently has approximately \$44,000 comprised of net revenues from past mission registrations collected as well past sponsorship revenue. Of the \$44,000, \$23,000 have been identified as either being from registration fees collected from past missions or from past sponsors who at the time were **not** registered County vendors, service providers or contractors. In addition to these existing funds of \$23,000, we have collected and will be depositing approximately \$10,000 in registration fees for the Brazil mission and expect to receive a grant of \$7,500 from Enterprise Florida, Inc., bringing our total available funds to \$40,500. For your information, Enterprise Florida is the State's economic development agency. Therefore, the total available funds of \$40,500 will cover our projected overall expenses of \$36,000 for the Brazil mission, which include approximately \$15,000 in travel expenses for our two mission leaders, myself and another member of my staff. The remaining expenditures will cover business to business matchmaking services, room rentals and equipment rentals for our branding presentations, in-country bus transportation, translation services, and networking lunches and receptions.

Brazil Budget:

Total assets for mission to Brazil:

\$23,000	Registration revenue and permissible sponsorship revenue from past missions
\$10,000	Registration fees collected for mission to Brazil
<u>\$ 7,500</u>	Grant from Enterprise Florida, Inc. for mission to Brazil
\$40,500	Total

Total expenses for mission to Brazil:

\$36,000

Projected surplus:

\$ 4,500

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Jimmy Nares
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