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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

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Re: Case No. 97014.Q

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

This letter is in response to your memorandum of [REDACTED]. You asked that we review an invitation from A [REDACTED], a division of [REDACTED] Corporation, for members of the Bureau of [REDACTED] to attend a one-day technical conference and workshop to be held in the [REDACTED], area either on [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED]. The purpose of this conference and workshop, as described in the invitation, is to provide access to recent product developments and laboratory demonstrations to aid those attending in evaluating the products. You and [REDACTED], [REDACTED], stated that your department has been experimenting with A [REDACTED]'s [REDACTED] System for new [REDACTED] fixtures, and it would be helpful for Bureau representatives of the Bureau attend and learn about improvements to those fixtures. You will select attendees from the Bureau; Mr. [REDACTED] said they are likely to include him and two or three others, from the [REDACTED] divisions. A [REDACTED] will provide for reasonable expenses incurred in air transportation and meals. (Attendees will return the same day, so no lodging expenses will be incurred.)

It is the opinion of the staff, based on previous Board decisions and on the information you and Mr. [REDACTED] provided, that the Ethics Ordinance does not prohibit your department from accepting this invitation from A [REDACTED]. Staff has previously addressed similar offers from [REDACTED] equipment manufacturers to your department and bureau, most recently in Case Nos. 94010.Q and 96020.Q. It was the opinion of the staff in those cases that the Ordinance did not prohibit your department from accepting the offers; there is nothing in the current facts as you have presented them that would warrant a different conclusion.



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The staff opinion in this case is based on the application of the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance to the facts stated in this letter. If the facts presented are inaccurate, please notify us, as a change in the facts may alter our opinion.

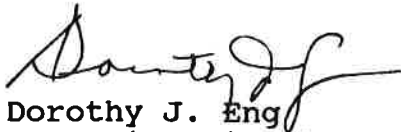
Thank you for your inquiry. We appreciate your willingness to comply with the standards of the Ethics Ordinance. If you have any further questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



Ellen M. W. Sewell  
Legal Counsel

Approved:



Dorothy J. Eng  
Executive Director

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