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Re: Case No. 96020.Q

Dear [REDACTED],

This letter is in response to your memorandum of [REDACTED]. You asked that we review an offer by [REDACTED] Systems to send four Bureau [REDACTED] employees to attend a [REDACTED] working seminar at the [REDACTED] plant in [REDACTED] to be held [REDACTED]. The purpose of the seminar is to learn about the design and [REDACTED] characteristics of the [REDACTED] the City has purchased and continues to purchase from [REDACTED] Systems, and about the latest advances in [REDACTED] design, and to consider related matters, such as maintenance procedures and design changes that the City may envision.

It is the opinion of the staff, based on previous Board decisions and on the information you provided, that the Ethics Ordinance does not prohibit your department from accepting this offer from [REDACTED] Systems. Case nos. 91075.Q and 94010.Q also involved inquiries about offers by [REDACTED] Systems to send Bureau [REDACTED] employees to the plant in [REDACTED] for a working seminar on [REDACTED]. 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.

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 any change in the facts may alter our opinion.

Thank you for your inquiry. We appreciate your willingness to comply with the ethical standards



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embodied in the Governmental Ethics Ordinance. If you have any further questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

  
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Ellen M. W. Sewell  
Legal Counsel

Approved by:

  
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Dorothy J. Eng  
Executive Director