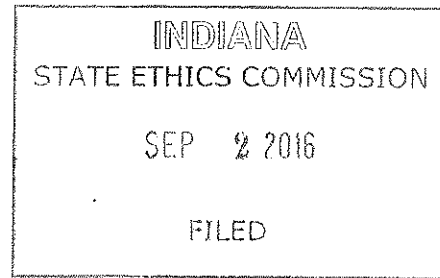




September 1, 2016

Indiana State Ethics Commission
315 West Ohio Street, Room 104
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202



Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 42 Indiana Administrative Code 1-5-1(c) and as the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' ("Department") Appointing Authority, I waive application of 42 IAC 1-5-1 ("the Gift Rule") as applied to the following Department employees as such waiver is consistent with the public interest.

Employees benefitting from the Gift:

Danny East – Director, Law Enforcement Division ("LED")
Lt. Williams Browne
LED Public Information Officers

Nature and Value of the Gift

The Department and Everbright will be hosting an event ("Event") on October 6, 2016 with the primary focus being to provide an opportunity for Everbright staff to work with and provide instruction to current users of its software and to answer questions of those who have expressed an interest in using the software in the future. As part of the Department's participation, Director East and Lt. Browne will be speaking to attendees and the LED Public Information Officers will receive information instruction on the software. There are no registration costs, but a lunch and light snacks will be provided to all attendees during breaks. The Event will be held at the Indiana Government Center South at 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

The Department will not be providing any funds in support of the Event. Everbrite will coordinate hosting the Event by contacting the Indiana Department of Administration; all normal rates will apply to Everbright in securing meeting space and any other services the company is in need of to put on the Event. It is undetermined at this time how many people are invited to the Event.

Donor of the Gift

The donor of the gift is Everbright, a private company that provides software and I.T. support to private and public businesses. The Department does have a business relationship with Everbright, with a copy of the current contract attached for reference. The only benefit being provided to those employees attending will be the food costs relative to a lunch and light snacks offered during breaks.

Public Interest

The Event is focused on providing information and instruction to those currently using software provided by Everbright and to answer questions from all parties in attendance. The Department employees in attendance will benefit from the Event by enhancing their professional knowledge and skills, which ultimately translates to improving the individual's competency as public servants. Only those officers who work with the software provided by Everbright will be in attendance. Beyond those Department employees in attendance, other law enforcement agencies from the State will be invited. Those Department employees in attendance will also benefit from the personal interaction with their colleagues and take advantage of the opportunity to answer questions and receive comments from Everbright.

In closing and for the reasons stated, I believe it is in the public interest to issue a waiver of the applicability of the Gift Rule as it pertains to the meal and refreshments provided by Everbright to those Department employees who plan to attend the Event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cam F. Clark', written in a cursive style.

Cam F. Clark
Director