

## MAMOUNT STATE ETHICS COMMISSION Indiana Department of Child Services

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Name of Agency or Office: Indiana Department of Child Services

Name and Titles of Recipients: Amber Njau, Functional Manager; Prasad Paradkar, Technology Manager; Yashesh Pandya, Chief Architect.

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted, or Received and approximate value of item: Two (2) conference passes for members of the Child Support Bureau's Information Technology team to attend the IBM Interconnect Conference. Each conference pass is worth approximately \$2,095,00 each for a total value of \$4,190. The agency is paying for travel costs for all three (3) individuals and the additional conference pass. Should any meals be included in the cost of the conference that do not fall under the exception to the gift rule found in 42 IAC 1-5-1(b)(2), the cost of those meals is intended to be waived as well.

Date of Receipt: The conference was held February 21, 2016 to February 25, 2016.

Name of Donor: International Business Machines (IBM)

Donor's Address: 1 New Orchard Road, Armonk, NY, 10504-1722

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: IBM has a contract with DCS.

State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest: The DCS has an interest in learning about new developments in application platforms, business processes, IT service management, digital security, and other technology advancements that can assist the Child Support Bureau in better processing and handling child support payments. The acceptance of this gift represents a cost-savings of approximately \$4,190 to the agency.

Erica Sullivan, Ethics Officer

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