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By Electronic and Interoffice Mail

Re: IO-06-62

You inquired whether the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation may accept the donation of tee signs from a company that employs one of the corporation's new board members. The company has previously produced the tee signs, which are used for the corporation's annual golf tournament, for a fee paid by the corporation. This year, the company has offered to provide the tee signs without charge. The corporation would like to list the company as one of its sponsors.

The ethics commission advises that the donation may be accepted, since you indicated that the donation was unsolicited and since there will be no personal benefit accruing to any county or corporation employee or member of the board. Unsolicited gifts made to the county or any of its agencies are generally permitted if they will aid in the mission of the agency, and if there will be no personal benefit derived by any employee.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

By: _____
Betsy K. Dawson, Executive Director