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GIFTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(This report covers the period from June 1 of the preceding calendar year through June 1 of this year and is due on June 30)

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1 DONOR	2 DESCRIPTION OF GIFT	3 DATE REC'D	4 GIFT VALUE	5 AGG. VALUE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)	TRAVEL (AIR) & HOTEL (ATLANTA GEORGIA) (SEE ATTACHED)	APRIL 11 – APRIL 14, 05	AIR 781 HOTEL UNK	
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL THRU A	TRAVEL (AIR) & HOTEL (LANSING MICHIGAN) (SEE ATTACHED)	APRIL 17 – APRIL 21, 05	AIR 637.56 HOTEL UNK	
GRANT FROM CDC & ALFRED P. SLOAN FOUNDATION				

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TRAVEL QUESTIONS

Your Name: Michael S. Vincent
State Department: Attorney General
Your Position: Deputy Attorney General
Phone No.: 586-1317

1. **When is the trip? For how long (dates)?**
   Public Health Emergency Law Course: April 13-14
   Leave Monday, April 11 @ 6:30
   Return Thursday, April 14 @ 7:07 pm

2. **What is the destination?**
   Atlanta Georgia

3. **What is the purpose of the trip?**
   Attend a National Train-the-Trainer course to improve our understanding of legal authorities involved in public health emergency response and management. The course is designed to assist in strengthening the capacities of persons involved in public health emergency response by enhancing their knowledge and understanding of the legal basis used by public health emergency management. The course also helps develop skills for providing legal training and conducting training at the state and local level as a trainer.

4. **Who is offering to pay for the trip (Who is the donor)?**
   The United States Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Law Program and the National Safety Council.

5. **Please describe all the expenses, and their approximate dollar value, that the donor is offering to pay. (E.g., the cost for airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation, registration fee, etc.)**
   Airfare: DNK, it was arranged directly by CDC
   Hotel: DNK
   Breakfast and Lunch: DNK

6. **Please indicate whether you solicited this trip from the donor or whether the donor itself initiated the offer of the trip.**
   Donor initiated

7. **Please indicate whether you will be flying first class, business class, or coach/economy class.**
   Coach

8. **Will the State of Hawaii be paying you a per diem? What other expenses, if any, will the State be paying?**
   Partial per diem (reduced for hotel and meals provided by CDC) will be funded by State Civil Defense through Federal mitigation program grant moneys from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Such expenses are authorized under the federal program

9. **Please explain why state money cannot or will not be used for this trip.**

Lack of State funds has meant no travel for some time now. When opportunities are provided by the Federal Government and other associated agencies, we try to provide the best service possible to the people of Hawaii. Without the funding from the federal government or associated agencies, we would not be able to participate in such programs.

10. **Will you be taking vacation time or any other leave, or will you be traveling on state time?**

I will not be taking vacation time. However, I will be traveling to Atlanta overnight, which will be on my time outside of normal work hours since we do not get overtime pay. The return trip will be after the conference during state and time outside of normal work hours and for which I will not be compensated overtime.

11. **Please describe any action you or your subordinates have taken in the past that has affected the donor or the donor's business interests.**

? The Donor is the United States Government, the CDC is a government entity responsible for, in conjunction with the State of Hawaii, the protection of the public during a public health emergency. We work in conjunction with the CDC to implement policy, programs, and plans to protect the public during a public health emergency, whether naturally occurring or man-made. To the extent the CDC is involved in events in Hawaii, the CDC's business is Hawaii's business.

12. **Please describe any action you or your subordinates may be taking in the future that will affect or may affect the donor or the donor's business interests.**

See Answer to # 11 above.

13. **Please describe any action you or your subordinates are currently taking that affects or may affect the donor or the donor's business interests.**

See Answer to # 11 above.

14. **Please describe any other matter currently pending with your state department or agency that affects or may affect the donor or the donor's business interests.**

See Answer to # 11 above.

15. **Please explain why you are the appropriate state official or state employee to go on this trip.**

I am the legal counsel for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, State Civil Defense. I serve as the Civil Defense Coordinator for the Attorney General and I am responsible for coordinating civil defense related legal issues for the Attorney General.

16. **Is anyone else from your department or agency accompanying you on this trip?**

Yes. See answer to #15 above. The invitation requested 2 representatives from the State: one was suggested to be the agency's legal counsel. The other attendee will be the legal counsel from our office for the State of Hawaii, Department of health. I do not know his travel arrangements at this time..

17. **Do you believe that the information you will obtain on this trip will be new information for you?**

Yes

18. Do you believe that the information you will obtain on this trip can only be obtained by making the trip?

Yes. See answer to # 3 above.

19. **Will you be writing a report summarizing the information you obtain on this trip?**

Possibly, but I will be preparing training materials and a course of action to facilitate legal training for state and county attorneys.

20. **How would you rate the importance of taking this trip with respect to your official duties: critical, very important, important, useful, somewhat useful?**

Critical to Very Important

21. Please list the benefits that will accrue to the State of Hawaii if you accept this trip.

See answers to # 3, 11, & 19

22. What benefit do you think the donor will derive from your going on this trip?

See answers to # 3, 11, & 19

23. If the State's gift law were to prohibit this trip, would your department or agency be inclined to pay for this trip anyway?

No. See answer to # 9 above.

24. Have you in the past accepted any other gifts of any sort from the donor? If so, please describe the nature and value of such gifts.

No. Nor do I consider this a gift in light of the underlying policies of Chapter 84.

25. Do you personally have any financial interest in the donor? If so, please explain.

Other than the safety of my family during any emergency or disaster, no.

26. Do you plan to go anywhere else while on this trip? If so, please describe. Will it be at the State's expense or at your own expense?

No.

27. Will any family members or relatives accompany you on this trip? If so, how will their expenses will be paid?

No.

28. Please attach with your answers to these questions all relevant material and correspondence from the donor about the offer of the trip and the purpose of the trip. Please also provide any other information about the donor that would be helpful to us in understanding the products or services the donor offers.

Please note that if this trip is deemed a "gift of travel" and you are allowed to accept it, you will be subject to the provisions of the Gifts Reporting Law, HRS section 84-11.5. Information on the reporting of gifts is contained in our "gifts disclosure packet," which is available at our office.

Please let us know if any of the information in your responses changes, as changes to your situation or new information may affect our decision in this case.

Thank you for your responses to these questions. We realize that responding to them may appear overly burdensome. We believe, however, that it is not possible for us to make an informed determination with respect to your request without the information. Further, we believe the questions outlined above are warranted by the value of this particular trip.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us at (808) 587-0460.

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Your Name: Michael S. Vincent
State Department: Attorney General
Your Position: Deputy Attorney General
Phone No.: 586-1317

1. **When is the trip? For how long (dates)?**
   Building Legal preparedness for Public health Emergencies Conference: April 19-20
   Leave Sunday, April 17 @ 7:20
   Return April 21 @ 4:02 pm

2. **What is the destination?**
   Lansing Michigan

3. **What is the purpose of the trip?**
   Participate as panelist on at least one discussion panel and participate in remainder of conference and table-top exercise to develop skills, knowledge, and training that will be called upon should a public health, or any other type, emergency arise. Also develop skills for providing legal training and conducting legal issues components of civil defense exercises.

4. **Who is offering to pay for the trip (Who is the donor)?**
   National Association of Attorney's General, which is sponsoring the conference in collaboration with, and through a funding grant by, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Law Program.

5. **Please describe all the expenses, and their approximate dollar value, that the donor is offering to pay. (E.g., the cost for airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation, registration fee, etc.)**
   Airfare: @ 637 (March 4 quote-Have no idea if it will go up)
   Hotel: DNK
   Breakfast and Lunch: DNK

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