

# Florida Local Government Information Systems Association

## Gift Acceptance Policy

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The Florida Local Government Information Systems Association (FLGISA) and all Officers, Directors and Committee members are prohibited from directly or indirectly accepting a gift worth over \$100 from any individual or firm that is currently or could potentially do business with the FLGISA. "Gift" includes real property or use thereof, tangible or intangible personal property or the use thereof, preferential rate or terms on a transaction not available to others similarly situated, forgiveness of a debt, transportation, lodging, parking, food or beverage, dues, fees, tickets, plants, flowers, personal services for which a fee is normally charged by the provider, and any other thing or service having an attributable value.

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### Gift Law 112.3148 Fla. Stat.

#### DEFINITION OF "GIFT"

"Gift" means anything accepted by a person or on that person's behalf, whether directly or indirectly, for that person's benefit, and for which equal or greater consideration is not given within 90 days of the receipt of the gift. "Gift" includes real property or the use thereof; tangible or intangible personal property or the use thereof; a preferential rate or terms on a transaction not available to others similarly situated; forgiveness of a debt; transportation (unless provided by an agency in relation to officially approved governmental business), lodging, or parking; food or beverage; dues, fees, and tickets; plants and flowers; personal services for which a fee is normally charged by the provider; and any other thing or service having an attributable value.

"Gift" does not include salary, benefits, services, fees, gifts, commissions, or expenses associated primarily with one's employment, business, or service as an officer or director of a corporation or organization; campaign contributions or expenditures pursuant to the election laws; an honorarium or honorarium expense; an award, plaque, certificate, etc., given in recognition of public, civic, charitable, or professional service; honorary membership in a service or fraternal organization; the use of a public facility or public property made available by a governmental agency for a public purpose; and transportation provided by an agency in relation to officially approved governmental business. Also exempted are some gifts from organizations which promote the exchange of ideas between, or the professional development of, governmental officials and employees and whose membership is primarily composed of elected or appointed public officials or staff, if the gift is to a member of the organization.

**Approved by the FLGISA Board of Directors on November 12, 2009**