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Notice of receipt of expenses from a person that may have a business relationship with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health or who may be seeking to influence an action by the employee or special state appointee in his or her official capacity. 42 IAC 1-5-1

Name of Agency or Office: Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH)

Name of Recipient: Maria Cooper, D.V.M., Avian Health Division Director. Chelsea Leatherman, Poultry Health Specialist.

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted, or Received: Reimbursement to BOAH for expenses incurred to travel to Iowa for a laboratory review for the National Poultry Improvement Plan and further travel to Minneapolis MN to attend the North Central Avian Disease Conference and the Midwest Poultry Federation PEAK conference. Expenses include registration, transportation, lodging, and per diem.

Date of Receipt: April 14, 2024 – April 19, 2024

Name of Donor: Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA)

Donor's Address: Purdue University, 1151 Lilly Hall, W. Lafayette, IN 47907

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: The ISPA and the BOAH cooperate in implementing the National Poultry Improvement Plan (IC 15-17-10-15). ISPA member companies are subject to BOAH regulatory jurisdiction (IC 15-17).

Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest: Dr. Maria Cooper leads the BOAH Avian Health Division. She directs BOAH's poultry team and is responsible for BOAH's contribution to the economic, public health and wellbeing of the poultry industry. Chelsea Leatherman works with Dr. Cooper to implement the National Poultry Improvement Plan in Indiana.

This travel is necessary to complete work for the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) affecting Indiana poultry operations. The conferences are important national events where animal health issues are discussed, and policy is advanced. The meetings address concerns of Indiana poultry producers regarding flock health, sustainability and welfare for caged layer, broiler, duck and turkey operations. Dr. Coper and Ms. Leaterhman provide a voice for Indiana's concerns and interests. Their participation is directly related to their duties at the BOAH.

BOAH and ISPA interests in these issues are not adverse. ISPA will reimburse BOAH for these travel expenses using funds ISPA received from a USDA cooperative agreement for poultry health. The ISPA cooperative agreement included this travel in the approved work plan.

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