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TO: Indiana State Ethics Commission

FROM: Nila Miller-Cronk, Major
Department's Ethics Officer

SUBJECT: Gift Waiver – Promega Corporation

Name of Agency or Office: Indiana State Police, Laboratory Division

Names of Recipient(s): Kristine R. Crouch, Forensic Scientist Supervisor

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted, or Received and approximate value of item:

Reimbursement for travel expenses incurred for Ms. Crouch to conduct a presentation at the Promega Tech Tour Seminar which will be held on June 13, 2017, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (June 12 and 14, 2017, would be travel days). The cost for round trip air fare, lodging, shuttle fees, and food costs for Ms. Crouch to travel to Baton Rouge, Louisiana totals approximately \$1,100.00.

Date of Receipt: June 12-14, 2017

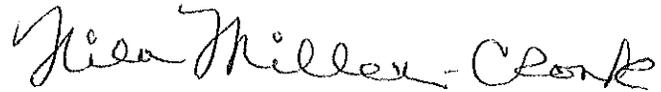
Name of Donor: Promega Corporation

Donor's Address: 2800 Woods Hollow Road, Madison, WI 53711

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: Promega Corporation is an ISP vendor which provides the ISP crime lab with DNA equipment, kits and associated supplies. Promega Corporation also often sponsors or hosts one-day seminars or conferences that laboratories can send personnel to in order to learn pertinent information and to obtain continuing education credits for accreditation purposes. Promega is hosting their Promega Tech Tour Seminar in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on June 13, 2017, and they have invited Ms. Crouch to conduct a presentation at this seminar. Ms. Crouch will give a presentation on the methods that ISP employs within the State Crime Lab and she would not be paid any fees for her presentation. The presentation would include data that ISP does not mind sharing with other crime labs for their own use.

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State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest: This seminar is well-attended by various members of the scientific community and will host a variety of speakers, meaning that the seminar will have presentations to address questions and needs of the attendees. Also, having an opportunity for our personnel to present scientific information at regional and national conferences gives credibility to our Laboratory and to the participating analyst. This credibility boosts the analyst's credentials for court testimony and improves their skills and poise in public speaking in court and other venues, such as training other analysts. These speaking events create opportunities for interaction with DNA analysts from other labs both during question and answer times and between and after presentations. These interactions can assist in evaluating the quality of our work, in this instance our validation, and may develop ideas for continuing improvement of our laboratory system.



Nila Miller-Cronk
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cc: Lieutenant Colonel Turner
Major Holland