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ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE

Feedback Requested

To: Municipal Clerks and Liaisons

As you know, the 2009 Ethics Reform Law requires all public employees in Massachusetts to complete an online training program available on the Commission's website, www.mass.gov/ethics, once every two years. By now, all municipal employees should have completed the online training program for the 2010 compliance cycle.

The 2012 compliance cycle is fast approaching. The State Ethics Commission is currently developing new online training programs for municipal employees. We are preparing new questions to target issues that most frequently arise for municipal employees so as to make the training more useful and effective for them.

Because you are often asked questions regarding the conflict of interest law, we are offering you an opportunity to submit proposed questions for the online training. The questions may be based on your experience with the issues raised by municipal employees or your experience as a user of the online training. The questions may cover any section of the law. The following are some examples of possible questions:

Example: I serve on the Conservation Commission. I am also an architect. May I represent a private client before the Planning Board?

Example: I am an Assistant in the Assessor's Office. I helped a Town resident fill out the paperwork to request an abatement.

The town resident gave me a thank you card with a \$25 gift certificate to a local restaurant. May I accept the gift certificate?

Example: I am a member of the School Committee. My spouse is a teacher in the elementary school. May I participate in voting on the budget as a whole?

Example: I work as a mechanic for the DPW. May I also run for Selectman?

We anticipate that the new online training programs will be available before the end of 2011 so that all municipal employees will be able to complete one of the programs by April 2, 2012. Please email any proposed questions to Public Education and Communications Division Chief David Giannotti at dgiannotti@eth.state.ma.us by **Friday, May 13, 2011**. If you wish to speak with Mr. Giannotti, he may be reached at (617) 371-9505. The Commission appreciates your time and effort in assisting us as we update the online training program for municipal employees.

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