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### Appendix A

When all requirements in Ohio Adm.Code 102-3-08 are met, an exception to the Ohio Ethics Law (R.C. 102.03(I)) permits an official or employee of a public agency to accept travel expenses or reimbursements from certain otherwise prohibited sources. The otherwise prohibited sources are persons regulated by, interested in matters before, or doing or seeking to do business with, the public agency the official or employee serves.

This rule overturns portions of two previously issued Ohio Ethics Commission Advisory Opinions—Opinion No. 86-011(issued on Dec. 2, 1986) and Opinion No. 95-005 (issued on June 16, 1995). The two opinions held that the exception in R.C. 102.03(I) did not allow an official or employee of a public agency, for any reason, to accept travel expenses or reimbursements from these sources. These conclusions, in Advisory Opinions No. 86-011 and 95-005, no longer represent the law as interpreted by the Ethics Commission.