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Opinion Committee

Hon. Dan Morales, Attorney General
 Office of Attorney General
 P.O. Box 12548
 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Re: Authority of State Agency to Receive Funding From Private
 Businesses In Order to Offset Costs of Issuing Agency News-
 letter

Dear General Morales:

Pursuant to provisions of Section 402.43 of the Texas
 Government Code, I hereby request an opinion from the Attorney
 General with regard to the following questions which have arisen
 at the Texas Water Development Board.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

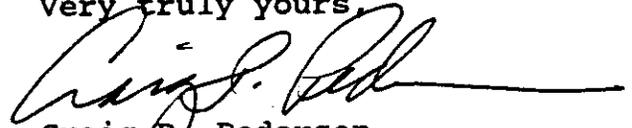
The Board is in the process of issuing an agency-wide
 newsletter. In order to lower the cost of issuance, it has been
 suggested that the agency accept funding from private businesses.
 In return, the newsletter will include a discount coupon which
 may be redeemed at that place of business.

QUESTIONS:

1. May the Texas Water Development Board (the "Board")
 accept funds from private businesses in order to offset the cost
 of issuing an agency newsletter?
2. May the Texas Water Development Board (the "Board")
 accept "in-kind" donations, such as paper, from private business-
 es which may be used in producing the newsletter?
3. May the Texas Water Development Board include an adver-
 tising insert or a coupon from the private business which has
 "donated" the funds to issue the newsletter?

The undersigned hereby requests an opinion from your office
at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig D. Pedersen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Craig D. Pedersen
Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board