

## ETHICS IN THE WORKPLACE

Taylor oversees the purchasing of office supplies for the Smells-Good Socks Corporation. His job is to buy quality supplies for the company at low prices, helping Smells-Good to make a higher total profit. Today, Taylor got a personal letter from the DimView Lighting Company. The letter stated that if he purchased a large order of bulbs from DimView, they would treat Taylor's family to a free vacation at a beautiful Florida beach resort. Taylor knows that DimView's light bulbs cost a little more and do not last quite as long as the brand he normally purchases, but the vacation offer is very tempting. "Besides," he says to himself, "no one really pays attention to what brand of bulb we use. I work hard and I deserve this trip. It's not like I'm hurting anyone, is it?"

1. Would it be a conflict of interest if Taylor ordered the DimView light bulbs and accepted the trip to Florida? Explain why or why not.
2. What if DimView's light bulbs were actually of higher quality and less expensive than the brand normally ordered? Would it still be a conflict of interest for Taylor to order the DimView bulbs and accept the trip to Florida? Would it be wrong of him to accept the trip?
3. What is the ethical question under consideration?