Finance and Administrative Services



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DATE : August 16, 2018

TO: Barry Burton, County Administrator

FROM: Patrice Sutton, Chief Financial Officer

RuthAnne K. Hall, Purchasing Agent

RE: Research regarding vendor disclosure practices within public sector procurement

At the August 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Finance and Administrative Committee, a request was made for staff to research examples of vendor disclosure practices relative to campaign contributions and familial relationships in public sector procurement. This memo summarizes the findings to date.

Research has included a review of the practices and policies of the following jurisdictions:

- Neighboring counties of Cook, Kane, DuPage, McHenry and Will Counties were reviewed. It should be noted that all but Cook County are governed by the Illinois Compiled Statutes for Counties (55 ILCS/5); Cook County is provided its own separate chapter (55 ILCS/5-36).
- City of Lubbock, Texas
- State of Alabama
- Gross Ile Township Schools, Michigan
- St. Clair County Regional Office of Education, Michigan

Lake County's Current Practice:

The Lake County procurement process is a centralized function that is overseen by the Purchasing Division in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services for goods and services exceeding \$30,000 and professional services exceeding \$50,000. For Invitations for Bids, staff works directly with the operating department to develop specifications and vet the lowest responsive and responsible bidders in an open and public procurement process. For professional services, staff works directly with the operating department to develop the scope of work for the Request for Proposal (RFP) and convenes an interdepartmental evaluation committee to review the received proposals. As part of the review process for RFPs, proposals are submitted sealed and provided to the evaluation committee for review and ranking. Prior to receiving proposals,

the members of the evaluation team are requested to sign and return a confidentiality statement to acknowledge the confidential nature of the closed procurement.

Lake County does not require disclosure of campaign contributions as a part of the procurement process. With regard to familial relationships, Lake County's disclosure practice requires employees directly involved in the procurement process to identify any familial relationship with potential vendors seeking to do business with the County.

Involvement in the procurement process is defined in Article 12 of the Purchasing Ordinance – Ethics in Public Purchasing/Contracting which provides the following direction regarding employee conflict of interest/bias:

12-104 EMPLOYEE CONFLICT OF INTEREST/BIAS

- (1) County Employees shall not participate directly or indirectly or influence or attempt to influence any procurement, contract, purchase order or invoice decision when the county employee knows or has reason to know that:
 - (a) the county employee or any member of the county employee's immediate family has a financial interest related to the said procurement, contract, purchase order or invoice, decision or activity; or
 - (b) the county employee or a member of a county employee's immediate family is negotiating for or already has an arrangement concerning employment with an individual or organization involved in the said procurement, decision or activity.
- (2) County employees who discover an actual or potential conflict of interest, relative to a procurement, contract, purchase order, or invoice decision shall immediately disclose said conflict and file a written statement of disqualification with their department head or the Purchasing Agent and shall withdraw from further participation in the transaction.
- (3) County employees involved directly or indirectly in the procurement process shall not become contemporaneous employees of any person or organization with whom the county is contracting.
- (4) The Financial and Administrative Committee may grant a waiver from the employee conflict of interest provision (Section 11-104(2); Employee Conflict of Interest) or the contemporaneous employment provision (Section 11-104(3); Contemporaneous Employment Prohibited) upon making a written determination that:
 - (a) the contemporaneous employment or financial interest of the County employee has been publicly disclosed;
 - (b) the County employee will be able to perform his/her procurement functions without actual or apparent bias or favoritism; and
 - (c) the award will be in the best interests of the County.

The Lake County Purchasing Ordinance defines the conflict of interest as it relates to the employee's immediate family. The term immediate family is defined by Lake County's Ethics Ordinance (last amended May 9, 2017) as spouse, son, daughter, parent-in-law, or parent.

Comparative Research:

The research conducted by Purchasing staff included contacting collar counties and review of publicly available disclosure forms. Findings of the research conducted to date are summarized in the table below.

	Political Campaign Contribution Disclosure	Familial Relationship Disclosure	Disclosure Form Required of Vendor	Disclosure Required by Employee	Exemptions from Vendor Disclosure
Lake County	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Cook County	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
DuPage County	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Kane County	No	Yes	No	Yes	
McHenry County	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Will County	No	Yes	No	Yes	
State of Alabama	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gross Ile Township Schools, MI	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
St. Clair County Regional Office of Education, MI	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
City of Lubbock, TX	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	publicly traded companies, institutions of higher education, state agencies, and electric and gas utilities

Based on the initial research, the following options have been identified regarding vendor disclosure practices:

	Maintain Current Practices	Enhance requirement for employee identification of familial connection with a vendor by:	
process about the existing		 Offer additional education for and training of staff throughout the bid and RFP process about the existing section of the Procurement Ordinance; 	
		 Amend the existing RFP Confidentiality Statement that all staff who serve as evaluators in the vendor selection process must sign to include language from the ethics section of the Procurement Ordinance to the existing RFP Confidentiality Statement. 	

Amend Current Practices	 Amend the Ethics and Procurement Ordinances Require vendor disclosure of familial relationships through a vendor disclosure form with public procurements. Require vendor disclosure of campaign contributions through a vendor disclosure form with public procurements Electronic Disclosure Submission and Access Review technology options which enable the electronic filing of and electronic public access to vendor disclosures and return to Committee with information, cost estimates and potential timelines following additional research. 	
Continue Research of Options and Models	 Continue to research models and options pertaining to vendor disclosure of familial relationships and campaign contributions 	

Attachments:

- Lake County's existing RFP Confidentiality Declaration form
- Sample Disclosure forms from other entities



CONFIDENTIALITY DECLARATION OF

RFP 18XXX – Name of RFP

- 1. I agree to notify the Procurement Agent in charge of the above-referenced solicitation if, at any time during this evaluation process, there is any change in circumstance that necessitates a change to the foregoing declarations;
- 2. I will preserve the confidentiality of any documents I receive in connection with the solicitation evaluation. As a participant in the solicitation evaluation, I will maintain the confidentiality of these documents during and after the solicitation evaluation process. I acknowledge that release of confidential information may lead to disciplinary action against me for making improper use of confidential material released by me. Furthermore, if applicable I agree to return the confidential documents to the Procurement Officer in charge of this solicitation at the end of the evaluation process so that the material can be disposed of in a proper manner; and
- 3. In participating in the solicitation evaluation, I will follow the "Evaluation Guidelines" Attached hereto

Evaluator's Signature:	Date
Evaluator's Printed Name:	
Evaluator's Job Title:	

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: SBrines2@LAKECOUNTYIL.GOV

Evaluation Guidelines

Thank you for serving in this evaluation process. The evaluation is an essential part of the selection process leading to the award of a contract. Following is a list of items to assist you in your role as an evaluator. We hope you enjoy this experience!

Do	Don't
Secure your offers for evaluation - these are confidential.	Discuss the offer with others who are not a part of the evaluation process.
Read each offer carefully.	Discuss the offer with team members outside of the evaluation process.
• Evaluate in accord with the established criteria, qualification requirements, etc.	Have any contact with offerers outside of the formal evaluation processes
Be sure you do not have any conflict of interest.	Disclose any information to anyone over the many area of your evaluation to anyone.
• Follow the numerical scoring system if applicable.	except members of your evaluation team or others approved to be included in the evaluation process.
Have a reasonable, rational, and consistent basis for your scores.	Reveal "confidential" information even after award.
Exercise independent judgment.	Conduct independent reference checks.
Be on time and focused for evaluation team meetings.	Have pre-determined attitudes or opinions.
Follow through on your duties - meet time commitments and meeting schedules.	
Record legible comments on why points are awarded or not awarded.	
• Direct questions from suppliers to the Procurement Officer.	
Ask questions at team meetings for clarification.	

Please Note: All offers are confidential information



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 312/603-4304 Office 312/603-9988 Fax

FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION

Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:

Doing a significant amount of business with the County requires that you disclose to the Board of Ethics the existence of any familial relationships with any County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County, or in any municipality within the County. The Ethics Ordinance defines a significant amount of business for the purpose of this disclosure requirement as more than \$25,000 in aggregate County leases, contracts, purchases or sales in any calendar year.

If you are unsure of whether the business you do with the County or a County agency will cross this threshold, err on the side of caution by completing the attached familial disclosure form because, among other potential penalties, any person found guilty of failing to make a required disclosure or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure will be prohibited from doing any business with the County for a period of three years. The required disclosure should be filed with the Board of Ethics by January 1 of each calendar year in which you are doing business with the County and again with each bid/proposal/quotation to do business with Cook County. The Board of Ethics may assess a late filing fee of \$100 per day after an initial 30-day grace period.

The person that is doing business with the County must disclose his or her familial relationships. If the person on the County lease or contract or purchasing from or selling to the County is a business entity, then the business entity must disclose the familial relationships of the individuals who are and, during the year prior to doing business with the County, were:

- its board of directors,
- its officers.
- its employees or independent contractors responsible for the general administration of the entity,
- its agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the entity, and
- its employees who directly engage or engaged in doing work with the County on behalf of the entity.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

Additional Definitions:

"Familial relationship" means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a County employee or State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an employee or official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

- Parent
- Child
- Brother
- Sister
- Aunt
- Uncle
- Niece
- Nephew

- Grandparent
- Grandchild
- Father-in-law
- Mother-in-law
- Son-in-law
- Daughter-in-law
- Brother-in-law
- Sister-in-law

- Stepfather
- Stepmother
- Stepson
- Stepdaughter
- Stepbrother
- Stepsister
- Half-brother
- Half-sister

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

PERSON DOING OR SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY
Name of Person Doing Business with the County:
Address of Person Doing Business with the County:
Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County:
Email address of Person Doing Business with the County:
If Person Doing Business with the County is a Business Entity, provide the name, title and contact information for the individual completing this disclosure on behalf of the Person Doing Business with the County:
DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY
Append additional pages as needed and for each County lease, contract, purchase or sale sought and/or obtained during the calendar year of this disclosure (or the proceeding calendar year if disclosure is made on January 1), identify:
The lease number, contract number, purchase order number, request for proposal number and/or request for qualification number associated with the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County:
The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$
The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County:
The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County:
DISCLOSURE OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Check the box that applies and provide related information where needed
The Person Doing Business with the County is an individual and there is no familial relationship between this individual and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.
The Person Doing Business with the County is a business entity and there is no familial relationship between any member of this business entity's board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, on the one hand, and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County, on the other.

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Name of Individual Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
If more sp	ace is needed, attach an addit	ional sheet following the above for	mat.
between at least one general administrati business entity and/business entity, on t office in the State of	member of this business entity on of the business entity, agen or employees directly engaged he one hand, and at least one (y's board of directors, officers, per ts authorized to execute documents in contractual work with the Coun Cook County employee and/or a per any municipality within Cook Cou	sons responsible for s on behalf of the ty on behalf of the rson holding electiv
Name of Member of Board of Director for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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Name of Agent Authorized to Execute Documents for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Rela Employee or Municipal Ele	State, County or	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
Name of Employee of Business Entity Directly Engaged in Doing Business with the County	Name of Rela Employee or Municipal Eld	State, County or	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
VERIFICATION: To the	best of my k	knowledge, the	itional sheet following the above for information I have provided on e or incomplete disclosure is punish	this disclosure form is
Signature of Recipient	and provided and the No.		Date	
SUBMIT COMPLETED F	ORM TO:	69 West Was Office (312)	Board of Ethics shington Street, Suite 3040, Chicago 603-4304 – Fax (312) 603-9988 .Ethics@cookcountyil.gov	o, Illinois 60602

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^{*} Spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner or parent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent or grandchild by blood, marriage (*i.e.* in laws and step relations) or adoption.



Date

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	Required V	endor Disclo	sure State	ement	
Company Name:					
Company Contact:		Contact	Phone:		
Bid/Contract/ PO:			i		
The DuPage County Proc	urement Ordinance requires the	following written disc	losures prior to a	award:	
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•		and procurement	,	nd ordinances	are available at
Authorized Signature	····			_	
Printed Name				-	
Title				_	

Failure to complete and return this form may result in delay or cancellation of the County's Contractual Obligation.



State of Alabama

Disclosure Statement

(Required by Act 2001-955)

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM		
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CITY, STATE, ZIP		TELEPHONE NUMBER
STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES,	OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD	
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		TELEPHONE NUMBER
This form is provided with:		
Contract Proposal Request	t for Proposal Invitation to Bid	Grant Proposal
Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year Yes No If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department to vided, and the amount received for the provision of	? that received the goods or services, the	
STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES	AMOUNT RECEIVED
Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year Yes No If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that aw	?	
STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	DATE GRANT AWARDED	AMOUNT OF GRANT
List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public any of your employees have a family relationship Identify the State Department/Agency for which the state of the sta	and who may directly personally benefi	t financially from the proposed transaction
NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE	ADDRESS	STATE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

Vendor Disclosure Statement Information and Instructions

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000. The disclosure statement is not required for contracts for gas, water, and electric services where no competition exits, or where rates are fixed by law or ordinance. In circumstances where a contract is awarded by competitive bid, the disclosure statement shall be required only from the person receiving the contract and shall be submitted within ten (10) days of the award.

A copy of the disclosure statement shall be filed with the awarding entity and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and if it pertains to a state contract, a copy shall be submitted to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee. The address for the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts is as follows: 50 N. Ripley Street, Room 3201, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101. If the disclosure statement is filed with a contract, the awarding entity should include a copy with the contract when it is presented to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

The State of Alabama shall not enter into any contract or appropriate any public funds with any person who refuses to provide information required by Act 2001-955.

Pursuant to Act 2001-955, any person who knowingly provides misleading or incorrect information on the disclosure statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Also, the contract or grant shall be voidable by the awarding entity.

Definitions as Provided in Act 2001-955

Family Member of a Public Employee - The spouse or a dependent of the public employee.

Family Member of a Public Official - The spouse, a dependent, an adult child and his or her spouse, a parent, a spouse's parents, a sibling and his or her spouse, of the public official.

Family Relationship - A person has a family relationship with a public official or public employee if the person is a family member of the public official or public employee.

Person - An individual, firm, partnership, association, joint venture, cooperative, or corporation, or any other group or combination acting in concert.

Public Official and Public Employee - These terms shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in Sections 36-25-1(23) and 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, (see below) except for the purposes of the disclosure requirements of this act, the terms shall only include persons in a position to influence the awarding of a grant or contract who are affiliated with the awarding entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these terms shall also include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the cabinet of the Governor, and members of the Legislature.

Section 36-25-1(23), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public employee as any person employed at the state, county or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations and authorities, but excluding employees of hospitals or other health care corporations including contract employees of those hospitals or other health care corporations, who is paid in whole or in part from state, county, or municipal funds. For purposes of this chapter, a public employee does not include a person employed on a part-time basis whose employment is limited to providing professional services other than lobbying, the compensation for which constitutes less than 50 percent of the part-time employee's income.

Section 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public official as any person elected to public office, whether or not that person has taken office, by the vote of the people at state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations, and any person appointed to a position at the state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations. For purposes of this chapter, a public official includes the chairs and vice-chairs or the equivalent offices of each state political party as defined in Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

Instructions

Complete all lines as indicated. If an item does not apply, denote N/A (not applicable). If you cannot include required information in the space provided, attach additional sheets as necessary.

The form must be signed, dated, and notarized prior to submission.

FAMILY MEMBER	ADDRESS	NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAI PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	L/ STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE EMPLOYED
	d/or their family members as the	cribe in detail below the direct financia result of the contract, proposal, reque	
	ee as the result of the contract, p	ined by any public official, public emplo proposal, request for proposal, invitation	•
List below the name(s) and addrosal, invitation to bid, or grant		and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the	contract, proposal, request for pro-
NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBE	BYIST	ADDRESS	
to the best of my knowledge.	. I further understand that a civ	y that all statements on or attached vil penalty of ten percent (10%) of th correct or misleading information.	
		Date	
Signature		Date	

2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.

BID DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FAMIAL RELATIONSHIP

Pursuant to MCL 380.1267, a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of Grosse Ile Township School Board or the Grosse Ile Township School Superintendent must by accompanied with the bid. <u>Bids without this disclosure statement will not be accepted.</u>

The members of the Grosse Ile	Township Board are:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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☐ There are no familial re	lationships.	The second secon
STATE OF MICHIGAN)	
COUNTY OF) ss)	
The undersigned, authorized rep	presentative of bidder (insert	
has read the foregoing disclosur	does hereb re statement and the statemen	y acknowledge that bidder its herein contained are true.
Signature of Bidder Representa	tive	
Print Name	Title	
Subscribed and sworn to before	me this day of	***************************************
	Notary Public,	County, Michigan
	My Commission expire	es;/ /



499 Range Road, PO Box 1500 Marysville, MI 48040 (810) 364-8990 | (810) 364-7474 Fax www.sccresa.org

Disclosure Document - Affidavit of Vendor's Familial Relationship

The undersigned, the owner, authorized official, or board members of				
			List any familial/business relationships: use addi (This relationship does not remove you from considera Bidder	
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STATE OFCOUNTY OF				
This instrument was acknowledged before me on the	day of,			
(Print Name)	(Signature)			
Notary Public Commission Expires:				
Acting in the County of:				

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regu		
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local government vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).		
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.		
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Gove offense under this section is a misdemeanor.	ernment Code. An	
Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental e	entity.	
Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)		
Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disc	closed.	
Name of Officer		
Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary. A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor? Yes No B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity? Yes No Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or		
other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more. 6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts		
as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described		
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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity	Date	

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

<u>Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a)</u>: "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
 - (2) the vendor:
 - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor:
 - (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
 - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
 - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
 - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
 - (1) the date that the vendor:
 - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
 - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
 - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
 - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.