

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

In an effort to comply with state law the certificate of interested parties must be filled out once a vendor has been granted a contract. All of this information can be found on the State of Texas website, please use this link provided, <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>.

Implementation of House Bill 1295

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295):

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295.

Filing Process:

Starting on January 1, 2016, the commission will make available on its website a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. A business entity must use the application to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the business entity must sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with the governmental body or state agency with which the business entity is entering into the contract.

The governmental entity or state agency must notify the commission, using the commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. The commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the governmental entity or state agency.

Information regarding how to use the filing application will be available on this site starting on January 1, 2016.

Additional Information:

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New Chapter 46, Ethics Commission Rules:

46.1. Application

46.3. Definitions

46.5. Disclosure of Interested Parties Form

**CITY OF LAREDO
PURCHASING DIVISION**

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES			FORM 1295																			
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.			OFFICE USE ONLY																			
1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.																						
2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.																						
3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.																						
4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable) <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Controlling</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Intermediary</th> </tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>			Controlling	Intermediary																
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5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party. <input type="checkbox"/>																						
6 AFFIDAVIT I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.																						
<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 10px;"> _____ Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office. </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> _____ Signature of officer administering oath </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> _____ Printed name of officer administering oath </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> _____ Title of officer administering oath </div> </div>																						
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