



041 – Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

The Texas Government Code §2252.908, and the rules issued by the Texas Ethics Commission found in Title 1, Sections 46.1, 46.3 and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code, require a business entity to submit a completed Form 1295 to the City before the City may enter into a contract with that business entity.

Form 1295 must be completed online. It is available from the Texas Ethics Commission by accessing the following web address: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm.

Print your completed Form 1295 and the certification of filing. Sign Form 1295 and submit it along with the certification of filing, with your response to this solicitation. The name listed in Box 1 of the 1295 form should match exactly with the active name on file with the Texas Secretary of State, which can be found at: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/>. In Box 3 of Form 1295, provide the solicitation number shown on the cover page of this solicitation (e.g. IFB 6100001234, RFO 6100001234 or RFCSP 6100001234).

The following definitions found in the statute and Texas Ethics Commission rules may be helpful in completing Form 1295.

“Business entity” includes an entity through which business is conducted with a governmental entity or state agency, regardless of whether the entity is a for-profit or nonprofit entity. The term does not include a governmental entity or state agency.

“Controlling interest” means: (1) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent; (2) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or (3) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers. Subsection (3) of this section does not apply to an officer of a publicly held business entity or its wholly owned subsidiaries.

“Interested party” means: (1) a person who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom a governmental entity or state agency contracts; or (2) an intermediary.

“Intermediary,” for purposes of this rule, means a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, adviser, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:

- 1) receives compensation from the business entity for the person’s participation;
- 2) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and,
- 3) is not an employee of the business entity or of an entity with a controlling interest in the business entity.