

CONFLICT OF INTEREST INFORMATION

General Information:

Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code stipulates that any person or entity who contracts or seeks to contract with Columbus ISD for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services (as well as agents of such persons -hereafter referred to as Vendors) are required to file a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire with the District. Each covered person or entity who seeks to contract or who contracts with CISD is responsible for complying with any applicable disclosure requirements.

The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire must be filed no later than the seventh business day after the date that the Vendor begins contract discussions or negotiations with CISD or submits to CISD an application, response to a request for proposal or bid, correspondence, or other writing related to a potential agreement with CISD.

The Vendor also shall file an updated questionnaire not later than September 1 of each year in which a covered transaction is pending, and the seventh business day after the date of an event that would make a statement in the questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate.

Note: A Vendor is not required to file an updated questionnaire if the person had filed an updated statement on or after June 1, but before September 1 of the year.

The Texas Association of School Administrators has compiled an FAQ (a list of Frequently Asked Questions) about HB 914, the bill which added Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code requiring conflict of interest disclosures. To read that FAQ, [click here](#).

Getting the Questionnaire:

[Conflict of Interest](#) (blank form CIQ)

[Local Government Officers Conflicts of Disclosure Statement](#) (Blank form CIS)

The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire may also be downloaded from the Texas Ethics Commission's Web site at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict_forms.htm.

Completed forms should be mailed or faxed to:

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105 Cardinal Lane
Columbus, Texas 78934
Fax: 979 - 732 - 5960