

SANTA FE ISD CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295 (2018 Update)

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295 – must be filled out electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission’s online filing application, printed out, signed, and submitted with proposal to Santa Fe ISD).

Santa Fe ISD is required to comply with House Bill 1295, which amended the Texas Government Code by adding Section 2252.908, Disclosure of Interested Parties. Section 2252.908 prohibits Santa Fe ISD from entering into a contract resulting from this solicitation with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form 1295) to Santa Fe ISD at the time business entity submits the signed contract/proposal. The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules requiring the business entity to file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

“Interested Party” means a person:

- a) who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom Santa Fe ISD contracts; or
- b) who actively participates in facilitating the contract or negotiating the terms of the contract, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity. TEX. GOV’T CODE § 2252.908(1).

“Business Entity” means an entity recognized by law through which business is conducted, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation. TEX. GOV’T CODE § 2252.908(3).

“Controlling interest” means:

- a) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentages, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent;
- b) 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
- c) 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 (c) does not apply to an officer of a publicly held business entity or its wholly owned subsidiaries. TEX.ETHICS COMM.RULE 46.3(c).

“Intermediary” 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:

- a) receives compensation from the business entity for the person’s participation;
- b) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and
- c) is not an employee of the business entity. TEX.ETHICS COMM.RULE 46.3(e).

As a “business entity”, all vendors must electronically complete, print, sign, and submit Form 1295 with their proposals even if no interested parties exist.

Proposers must file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission using the online filing application, which can be found at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm. Proposers must use the filing application on the Texas Ethics Commission’s website to enter the required information on Form 1295. Proposers must print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing containing a unique certification number. The Form 1295 must be signed by an authorized agent of the business entity.

The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with Santa Fe ISD by attaching the completed form to the vendor’s proposal.

Santa Fe ISD must acknowledge the receipt of the filed Form 1295 by notifying the Texas Ethics Commission of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 no later than the 30th day after the date the governmental entity or state agency receives the disclosure. After Santa Fe ISD acknowledges the Form 1295, the Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within (7) seven business days after receiving notice from Santa Fe ISD.

Will my date of birth and address appear on the TEC's website when I file the form?

No. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application.

Although the TEC does not capture the date of birth and street address of the signatory, the contracting state agency or governmental agency will have a physical copy of the form that includes the date of birth and address of the signatory. The TEC cannot answer whether the contracting state agency or governmental agency may release such information. Questions regarding the Texas Public Information Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General. *See also Paxton v. City of Dall.*, No. 03-13-00546-CV, 2015 Tex. App. LEXIS 5228, at *10-11 (App.—Austin May 22, 2015)_(mem. op.) (pet. denied) (*available [here](#)*).

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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 services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is no interested party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____

My address: _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip code) _____ (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(month) (year)

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
 (Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

THIS IS A REQUIRED DOCUMENT