



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE [Form CIQ]

H.B. 914, passed during the 2005 Texas legislative session, as amended by H.B. 1491 passed in 2007, requires certain persons who wish to conduct business or be considered for business with a city to file a “conflict of interest questionnaire.” The Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) created the conflict of interest questionnaire (FORM CIQ). These laws are codified in Chap. 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

What vendors/persons are subject to Chapter 176?

- The word “person” includes a partnership, corporation or other corporate body, including those performing professional services. Such partnerships or corporations act through individuals, but it is the partnership or corporation that would be seeking to do business with the city.
- Any “person” who contracts or seeks to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with a local governmental entity
- An agent of a person who contracts or seeks to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with a local governmental entity
- A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the person has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
 - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with an officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer that results in taxable income exceeding \$2,500 during the 12 month period preceding the date a contract is executed or a contract is being considered; or
 - (2) has given an officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value of more than \$250 in the 12 month period preceding the date a contract is executed or a contract is being considered

What triggers the requirement to file a “conflict of interest questionnaire”?

When a person begins (1) contract discussions or negotiations with the city or (2) submits an application, response to request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential agreement, Form CIQ must be completed. Whether the person initiates the discussion or the city initiates the discussions, Form CIQ must be completed. Even if the vendor has no affiliation or business relationship with an officer or employee of the city, Form CIQ must be completed and submitted

To what type of contracts does the bill apply?

Any written contract and any implied contract, such as purchase orders, procurement card purchases, utility purchases, or any exchange of money or other consideration for some service or property. The monetary amount or value of the contract/purchase does not matter.

When must a vendor file the conflict of interest questionnaire?

No later than seven days after the date the person: (a) begins contract discussions or negotiations with the city, or (b) submits an application or response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential agreement with a city, or (c) becomes aware of an employment relationship with a local government officer or family member of the officer, or (d) becomes aware of a qualifying gift..

What has to be revealed?

Section 176.006 requires disclosure of a person’s employment or business relationships. This includes each employment or business relationship with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which a local government officer services as an officer or director or holds an ownership interest of 10% or more.

How do I go about filling out the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire form?

Each number below corresponds with the number on FORM CIQ:

1. Fill in the full name of the person who is trying to do business with the City. If the person is a corporation, partnership, etc., then it is the name of that corporation, partnership, etc., that is required on Form CIQ.
2. Check box if the form is an update to a form previously completed. Updates are required by the 7th business day after an event that makes a statement in a previously filed questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate. Updates are also required by September 1 of each year in which the person submits a proposal, bid or response to the City of Waco or begins contract discussions or negotiations with the City.
3. Complete this Section by listing the name of the local government officer (member of City Council or City Manager) with whom there is an affiliation to or business relationship and you checked the "Yes" box in Section 3 A, B, or C.
If there is more than one local government officer (City Council or City Manager) with whom there is an affiliation or business relationship, more than one page two may be needed to provide information on each local government officer.
4. State whether the local government officer named on the form receives or is likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor filing the questionnaire.
5. State whether the filer receives or is likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named on the form AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity.
6. State whether the filer is employed by a corporation or other business entity with which the local government officer serves as an officer or director or holds an ownership interest of 10% or more.
7. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named on the form.
8. Signature box. Person completing form must date and sign the form. If the form is being completed for a corporation, partnerships, etc., the person signing should be someone who is authorized to act on behalf of the corporation, partnership, etc.

A signature is required in box #4 regardless of any other entry on the form.

A copy of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code can be found at:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>

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

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1. Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

RFB / RFP / Contract #

2. 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 the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3. Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

 Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

4.

 Signature of person doing business with governmental entity

 Date Signed