

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

**FORM CIQ**

**This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.**  
 This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor 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 vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.  
 A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

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**1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

**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 on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.**

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Name of Officer

**4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.**

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes       No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       No

**5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

**6**  Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7**

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

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Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

**Exhibit 2 – Felony Conviction Notice**

Texas Education Code § 44.034, Notification of Criminal History of Contractor, subsection (a), states “a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony.”

Subsection (b) states “a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract.”

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED OF A PUBLICLY HELD CORPORATION**

I, the undersigned agent of the firm named below, certify that the information concerning notification of felony convictions has been reviewed by me and the following information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

VENDOR’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED COMPANY OFFICIAL’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

My firm is a publicly-held corporation, therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official

My firm is not owned nor operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official

My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony:

Name of Felon(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Conviction(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official

### **Exhibit 3 – Criminal History Review of Contracting Party Employees**

Texas Education Code § 22.0834 requires entities that contract with school districts or charter schools to provide services to obtain named based criminal history and/or fingerprinting record information regarding “covered employees.”

“*Covered Employees*”: Any employee of a contractor or subcontractor who (1) has or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services and (2) has or will have direct contact with students. Trinity Basin Preparatory (“TBP”) retains the discretion to determine what constitutes direct contact with students.

For public works, a person does not have the opportunity for direct contact with students if:

- (1) the public work does not involve the construction, alteration, or repair of an instructional facility;
- (2) for a public work that involves construction of a new instructional facility, the person's duties related to the contracted services will be completed not later than the seventh day before the first date the facility will be used for instructional purposes; or
- (3) for a public work that involves an existing instructional facility:
  - (A) the public work area contains sanitary facilities and is separated from all areas used by students by a secure barrier fence that is not less than six feet in height; and
  - (B) the contracting entity adopts a policy prohibiting employees, including subcontracting entity employees, from interacting with students or entering areas used by students, informs employees of the policy, and enforces the policy at the public work area.

All contractors must work with TBP to comply with the requirements of Texas Education Code § 22.0834 and § 22.08341 prior to beginning services to TBP.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW OF CONTRACTING PARTY EMPLOYEES**

**Please complete the information below:**

I, the undersigned agent for \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contracting Party”),  
certify that [check one]:

[\_\_\_\_\_] None of the employees of Contracting Party or any subcontractors are “covered employees” as defined above. If this box is checked, I further certify that Contracting Party has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that the employees of Contracting Party and any subcontractors will not become covered employees. Contracting Party will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

*Or*

[\_\_\_\_\_] Some or all of the employees of Contracting Party or any subcontractors are “covered employees.” If this box is checked, I further certify that:

1. If Contracting Party receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Contracting Party will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify TBP in writing within three business days.
2. Upon request, Contracting Party will provide TBP with the name and any other requested information regarding covered employees so that TBP may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.
3. If TBP objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee’s criminal history record information, Contracting Party agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services to TBP.
4. All covered employees hired after January 1, 2008 have completed the required background check process prior to performing any duties related to TBP or having any direct contact with students.

I understand that non-compliance with this certification by Contracting Party may be grounds for contract termination and/or barring disqualified persons from performing the work.

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Signature of Contracting Party Official

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Date

**Exhibit 4 – Debarment or Suspension Certificate**

Trinity Basin Preparatory is prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transaction to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose owners/members/principals and certain employees are suspended or debarred. Contracting Party must certify that it and its owners/members/principals are not suspended or debarred under federal law and rule.

By submitting signing contract and this certificate, Contracting Party certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would otherwise preclude Contracting Party or its Owner/Members/Principals or employees from receiving a federally funded contract under applicable federal regulations and federal OMB Circulars.

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Signature of Contracting Party Official

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Date

## Child Support Certification

### Section 1

Family Code, Section 231.006, Ineligibility to Receive State Grants or Loans or Receive Payment On State Contracts, prohibits the payment of state funds under a grant, contract, or loan to:

- a person who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support, and
- a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent.

Section 231.006 further provides that a person or business entity that is ineligible to receive payments for the reasons stated above shall continue to be ineligible to receive payments from the state under a contract, grant, or loan until:

- all arrearages have been paid;
- the person is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency; or
- the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from Subsection (a) as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments.

Section 231.006 further requires each bid, or application for a contract, grant, or loan to include:

- the name and Social Security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application, and
- the statement in Section 3 below.

Section 231.006 authorizes a state agency to terminate a contract if it determines that the statement required below is inaccurate or false. In the event the statement is determined to be false, the vendor is liable to the state for attorney's fees, costs necessary to complete the contract (including the cost of advertising and awarding a second contract), and any other damages provided by law or contract.

### Section 2

In accordance with Section 231.006, the names and Social Security numbers (SSN) of the individuals identified in the contract, bid or application, or each person with a minimum 25 percent ownership interest in the business entity identified therein are provided below:

Name:	SSN:
Name:	SSN:
Name:	SSN:
Name:	SSN:

### Section 3

As required by Section 231.006, the undersigned certifies the following:

"Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment, and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate."

Contractor Authorized Representative Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Authorized Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**X**