

LOBBYIST'S REGISTRATION FORM

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(dated filed)

1. LOBBYIST'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. LOBBYIST'S BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. LIST THE NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON OR ENTITY WHICH HAS EMPLOYED YOU TO LOBBY ON THE ISSUE DESCRIBED IN NUMBER 4 (BELOW).

NAME

ADDRESS

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

4. DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC ISSUE ON WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO LOBBY:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. DESCRIBE THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOU HAVE BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA:  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, The undersigned registrant, do hereby depose under oath and say that the information disclosed herein and any attachments hereto are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING LOBBYIST

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at large  
My Commission Expires:

7. OTHER FILING INFORMATION: COMMENCING JULY 1, 1988, AND ON JULY 1, OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, LOBBYIST SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS A SIGNED STATEMENT UNDER OATH LISTING ALL LOBBYING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. A STATEMENT SHALL NOT BE FILED IF THERE HAVE BEEN NO EXPENDITURES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

- (1) Firms must be properly certified to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; and
- (2) Firms must be properly certified or licensed or practice or to offer to practice engineering, architecture, or landscape architecture; and
- (3) The firm shall be duly qualified to perform its proposed service under any other applicable law.

(c) *Professional services committee.* A professional services committee (PSC) appointed by the county administrator shall be used to select design-build firms for recommendations to the board.

(d) *Request for proposals.* The county administrator shall develop a request for proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from interested, qualified design-build firms. The RFP shall contain as a minimum the following:

- (1) The design criteria package.
- (2) Basis and method for selection.
- (3) Requirements for determining qualifications of firms submitting proposals.
- (4) Terms and conditions of the proposed agreement.
- (5) Other items as required by procedure, laws, ordinance, or prevailing circumstances. (Ord. No. 91-06, Pt. A, 1-15-91)

**Sec. 1-2-50. Delegation of authority.**

In addition to the general selection procedures set forth in this article, the county administrator shall implement selection procedures which shall include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Specific RFP requirements;
  - (2) Oral presentation, where appropriate;
  - (3) Method of scoring and ranking;
  - (4) Accelerated procedures, where appropriate; and
  - (5) Method of evaluating performance of design-build firms.
- (Ord. No. 91-06, Pt. A, 1-15-91)

**Secs. 1-2-51–1-2-60. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE V. LOBBYIST REGISTRATION AND REPORTING\***

**Sec. 1-2-61. Title.**

This article shall be referred to as the “St. Lucie County Lobbyist Registration, Disclosure and Reporting Law.” (Ord. No. 88-30, Pt. A, 5-3-88; Ord. No. 91-06, Pt. B, 1-15-91)

\**Editor’s note*—Part B of Ord. No. 91-06, adopted Jan. 15, 1991, renumbered §§ 1-2-45–1-2-49 of Art. V as §§ 1-2-61–1-2-65 to allow for inclusion of Art. IV, Div. 3.  
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**Sec. 1-2-62. Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following words shall have the following meaning:

*Board* means the board of county commissioners of the county.

*Clerk* means clerk of the circuit court for the county.

*County* means St. Lucie County, Florida.

*County attorney* means the person appointed by the board to serve as its counsel, or the designee of such person.

*Lobbyist* means a person who advocates, urges or seeks to encourage the passage, defeat or modification of any item pending before the board or the hiring/retaining of any consultant for any paid or promised compensation or valuable consideration either directly or indirectly, expressly or implied.

*Person* means an individual, corporation, governmental agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, two (2) or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal entity.

*Professional consultant* means an independent contractor who provides assistance in support of county operations in one (1) of the following professional fields:

- (1) *Medical services.* Medicine, psychiatry, dental, hospital, and other health professionals.
- (2) *Legal services.* Attorneys and legal professionals.
- (3) *Financial services.* Bond counsel, rating and underwriting, financial advisor, and investment services.
- (4) *Architect and engineering services.* Architect, engineering, landscape architecture, or land surveying services.
- (5) *Appraisal services.* Real and personal property appraisers.
- (6) *Audit and accounting services.* Auditors and accountants.
- (7) *Consultants.* Planning, management, or scientific advisors.  
(Ord. No. 88-30, Pt. A, 5-3-88; Ord. No. 91-06, Pt. B, 1-15-91)

**Sec. 1-2-63. Disclosure of lobbyists by professional consultant required.**

(a) No professional consultant shall submit any proposal to the board for the performance of any services unless full disclosure is made prior to or concurrently with the submission of the proposal. The disclosure requirements herein shall be continuing, and the consultant shall

have the obligation to amend any disclosure filed or file appropriate disclosures with the clerk upon utilization of the services of a lobbyist as defined herein whether same occurs before or after the employment of the consultant. Such disclosure shall include the following:

- (1) The name of any lobbyist, employed directly or indirectly by the consultant for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the selection of the professional consultant by the board.
- (2) The name and address of the lobbyist.
- (3) The length of such agreement, contract or understanding and the amount of any fee, gratuity, compensation or consideration paid or promised to be paid to the lobbyist either before or after hiring whether or not same is set out as compensation for the lobbying or is for other services.

(b) The disclosure shall be filed with the clerk on forms provided by the county and such records shall be open to the public.

(Ord. No. 88-30, Pt. A, 5-3-88; Ord. No. 91-06, Pt. B, 1-15-91)

**Sec. 1-2-64. Lobbyist registration and reporting requirements.**

(a) A lobbyist who receives compensation directly or indirectly on an item before the board shall register with the clerk prior to engaging in any lobbying activity within the county or with any commissioner or county employee unless such representation has been publicly announced or will be publicly announced prior to commission action. This shall be a continuing requirement. Every person required to register as a lobbyist shall register on forms provided by the county and shall state under oath his name, business address, and the name and business address of each principal represented. A separate registration form shall be required for each principal represented. All registrations shall be open to the public.

(b) A lobbyist, when in doubt about the applicability and interpretation of this section in a particular context, shall submit, in writing, the facts for an advisory opinion to the county attorney. All advisory opinions of the county attorney shall be numbered, dated and furnished to the board and shall be open to public inspection.

(c) The clerk shall keep all advisory opinions of the county attorney relating to lobbyists and lobbying activities, as well as a current list of registered lobbyists and their respective reports required under this section, all of which shall be open for public inspection.

(Ord. No. 88-30, Pt. A, 5-3-88; Ord. No. 91-06, Pt. B, 1-15-91)

**Sec. 1-2-65. Exemptions.**

The following persons shall not be required to register as lobbyists:

- (1) County employees acting in the scope of their county employment;
- (2) Law enforcement personnel conducting an investigation; and