User Guide

Lobbyist Registration & Reporting System

DISCLOSURE REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Filing a Disclosure Report – Lobbyists

This document provides instructions and screen samples for the two types of Lobbyists:

- Directly employed by a Client (pages 2 13)
- Employed by a Lobbying Entity (pages 14 23)

All lobbyists are required to report the required information on a series of filing forms:

- If you are **employed by a Client**, you will submit your forms directly to the Lobbyist Division.
- If you are **employed by a Lobbying Entity**, you will complete the required information on your forms, but your Entity will submit them as part of its report to the Lobbyist Division,

All activities and expenses must be incurred or paid within the relevant 6-month

reporting period.

- A dollar amount is entered as \$ 1,234.56
- A date is entered as 01-01-2010

The link to **complete and finish your report** opens at the start of the 15-day submission period. Forms can be modified prior to the submission period and saved for later. This is referred to as the "diary" period.

- Reports must be submitted within two weeks after the 6-month reporting period.
- Once submitted, reports are reviewed by the Lobbyist Division and either concluded or rejected.
- If rejected, the Lobbyist Division requests details, additional information, or an explanation.
- A confirmation is received once concluded.

Lobbyists directly employed by a Client

Read pages 2 through 13 for screen samples and instructions

Lobbyists employed by a Lobbying Entity

Read pages 14 through 23 for screen samples and instructions

Note: These instructions are for lobbyists directly employed by a Client. If you are a lobbyist employed by a Lobbying Entity, you can find your instructions starting on page 13.

Access your Disclosure Report from the link on your account homepage

- Fill out all required sections of your disclosure reporting forms.
- Review, certify, and submit to the Lobbyist Division for review.

Remember to save your changes before moving to another form

- Save Select to save your entries, and use the navigation bar at the top to change forms.
- Save and Continue Selecting this automatically moves you to the next form.

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Account Homepage

Select the "Start report" link from your account homepage.

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Lobbyists directly employed by a Client are required to enter information on the 5 forms displayed in the interactive navigation bar.

- Forms can be selected in any order.
- Report only those expenses or activities that were incurred or paid within the 6-month disclosure reporting period.
- The link for incidental lobbying displays at the beginning of the submission period.



Reviewing your Registration

Update any information that changed during the registration year.

- Registration amendments must be submitted and concluded by the Lobbyist Division.
- You will not be able to certify and submit your report until your amendments are concluded.



Form 1 – Operating Expenses

Provide as much information about each operating expense as possible.

• Do not report any expense that your Client is reporting on its Disclosure Report.



Form 2 – Bills and Activities

Use this form to report any activity that falls within the 6-month reporting period.

- This form does not require a date for each entry.
- Select your client from the dropdown list.
- If you cannot report compensation at the bill or activity level, check the "Report compensation by total" checkbox to report the total received from the selected client.
- Complete one entry for each bill or lobbying activity.

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Form 3 – Meals, Travel, Entertainment

Itemize any meals, travel, or entertainment expenses that are part of your lobbying activity.

- Enter the date of the event and select the event type.
- Enter the place of the event and the amount.
- Add the names of all persons participating in any such event—open the attendee list to enter these details.

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Form 3 – Meals, Travel, Entertainment (Continued)

This is a view of the Attendee List:

• As you enter each expense, you have the option to open the Attendee List to itemize details for each attendee associated with that expense.

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Form 4 – Additional Expenses

Itemize expenses that do not appear in any of the other filing forms.

- Enter the date the expense was incurred or paid.
- Describe the purpose of the expense.
- Enter the name of the recipient or payee and the amount.
- To add more rows, select "Create additional entries"



Form 5 – Campaign Contributions

Itemize any campaign contributions you have made.

- Enter the date of each contribution.
- Identify the recipient of each contribution.
- Enter the name of the office and district sought by the recipient.
- Enter the amount of each contribution.



Review your Filing Forms

Select "Review and Submit" from the navigation bar or "Save and continue to review screen" to review your entries.

- To modify or correct any information, select the form from the navigation bar.
- Your incidental lobbying status can be reversed until the submission period is closed.



Certify, Sign, and Submit your Report

When you are finished with your forms, you are ready to **certify and submit** your final report.

- Type your name in the Electronic Signature box and click on the check box to complete your certification.
- The submit link remains inactive (gray) until you check the certification box.

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Disclosure Report Status

The status reflected on your account homepage is "report submitted" until it is reviewed by the Lobbyist Division. The status then changes to show conclusion.

A link to your next Disclosure Report will display on your account homepage when your current report is concluded.

Note: These instructions are for lobbyists employed by a Lobbying Entity. If you are a lobbyist directly employed by a Client, you can find your instructions starting on page 3.

Access your Disclosure Report from the link on your account homepage

You can access and fill out your filing forms, but you **cannot submit your Disclosure Report directly** to the Lobbyist Division. Your Entity will include your report in its filing.

- Access your Disclosure Report from the link on your homepage.
- Fill out your filing forms.
- Once your forms are saved, your data will display automatically on your entity's report.
- It is the Lobbyist Entity that is responsible for filing a report that covers all its lobbyists.

! Important

If your entity has already filed its report by the time you complete your forms, your data is held in saved status. To officially submit your data, your Entity must open and update its report with your data, and then resubmit it again to the Lobbyist Division.

Incidental Lobbying

• A lobbyist that works for an Entity may not file as incidental.

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Review and add your details to your Entity's Report

When you are finished with your filing forms, you are ready to add your disclosure reports to your Entity's Disclosure Report. Your entity is responsible for submitting your filing forms to the Lobbyist Division.

- Selecting the "save" button will automatically upload your forms to your entity's disclosure report.
- After saving, your entity's Disclosure Report will contain all of the details you provided on your reporting forms.

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Disclosure Report Status

Status is reflected on your account homepage as "saved" until it your Entity's report is reviewed by the Lobbyist Division.

- The status then changes to show conclusion.
- Your Entity's report must be fully concluded before your account homepage is updated with a "concluded" status.