

## **(Contractor Instructions)**

### **C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM**

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26). However, the disclosure requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 generally apply to any contract awarded by a board of education where the contract exceeds \$17,500, even where awarded by a “fair and open” process. See N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 & Local Finance Notice 2010-3. N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee\*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
  - of the public entity awarding the contract
  - of that county in which that public entity is located
  - of another public entity within that county
  - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 itemizes the parties from whom contributions must be disclosed when a business entity is not a natural person. This includes the following:

- individuals with an “interest” ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit
- all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity
- IRS Code Section 527 New Jersey based organizations, directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs).

When the business entity is a natural person, “a contribution by that person’s spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.” [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure.

Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor’s responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor’s submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

The contractor must also complete a Statement of Ownership Disclosure. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law.

<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(s): “The term “legislative leadership committee” means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures.”

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Required Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 & N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3

**This form or its permitted facsimile must be submitted to the local unit  
no later than 10 days prior to the award of the contract.**

## Part I - Vendor Information

Vendor Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:

The undersigned being authorized to certify, hereby certifies that the submission provided herein represents compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 and as represented by the Instructions accompanying this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Title

## Part II – Contribution Disclosure

Disclosure requirement: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 this disclosure must include all reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the form provided by the local unit.

Check here if disclosure is provided in electronic form.

Contributor Name	Recipient Name	Date	Dollar Amount

Check here if the information is continued on subsequent page(s)



**List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure**  
**N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26**

**State: New Jersey**

Chris Christie – Governor and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #36:

Senator Paul A. Sarlo

Assemblywoman Clinton Calabrese

Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer

**County Name: Bergen**

County Executive James J. Tedesco III

Anthony Cureton - Sheriff

Steve Tanell – Freeholder

Mary J. Amoroso – Freeholder

David L. Ganz – Freeholder

Dr. Joan M. Voss – Freeholder

John S. Hogan – Bergen County Clerk

Michael R. Dressler – Bergen County Surrogate

Tracy Silna Zur – Freeholder

Germaine M. Ortiz – Freeholder

Thomas J. Sullivan – Freeholder

**Municipalities: East Rutherford**

Jeffery J. Lahullier – Mayor

Saverio Stallone – Councilman

Daniel Alvarez– Councilman

Nancy Banca – Councilman

Edward C. Ravettine – Council President

George Cronk – Councilman

Michael Lorusso – Councilman

**Board of Education: East Rutherford**

Jason Bulger– Board President

Richard Vartan – Board Member

Carlo Maucione – Board Member

Rachel Villanova – Board Member

Debra Zoller– Board Vice President

Maria Caruso – Board Member

Erin SHEMELEY – Board Member