

## **1.0 LAMAR CISD CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295**

**Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295 – must be filled out electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission’s online filing application, printed out, signed, notarized, and submitted with proposals or qualifications to Lamar CISD.**

1.1 Lamar CISD is required to comply with House Bill 1295, which amended the Texas Government Code by adding Section 2252.908, Disclosure of Interested Parties. Section 2252.908 prohibits Lamar CISD from entering into a contract resulting from this solicitation with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form 1295) to Lamar CISD at the time business entity submits the signed contract/proposal/qualifications. The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules requiring the business entity to file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

**“Interested Party”** means a person:

- a) who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom Lamar CISD contracts;  
or
- b) who actively participates in facilitating the contract or negotiating the terms of the contract, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity.

**“Business Entity”** means an entity recognized by law through which business is conducted, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

**As a “business entity,” all vendors must electronically complete, print, sign, notarize, and submit Form 1295 with their proposals even if no interested parties exist.**

1.2 Proposers must file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission using the online filing application, which can be found at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm). Proposers must use the filing application on the Texas Ethics Commission’s website to enter the required information on Form 1295. Proposers must print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing containing a unique certification number. The Form 1295 must be signed by an authorized agent of the business entity, and the form must be notarized.

1.3 The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with Lamar CISD by attaching the completed form to the vendor’s proposal.

1.4 Lamar CISD must acknowledge the receipt of the filed Form 1295 by notifying the Texas Ethics Commission of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. After Lamar CISD acknowledges the Form 1295, the Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website with seven business days after receiving notice from Lamar CISD.