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ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT (EDS)

1.1. ONLINE EDS WEB LINK

The web link for the Online EDS is <https://webapps.cityofchicago.org/EDSWeb>

1.2. ONLINE EDS CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Upon completion of the online submission process, the Proposer will be able to print a hard copy Certificate of Filing. The Proposer must submit a Certificate of Filing when requested by the DPS Contract Administrator. The DPS Contract Administrator will request the Certificate of Filing from the low bidder after the due date.

NOTE:

- Filing an “EDS Information Update” does **NOT** satisfy the requirement to file an EDS.
- Filing an EDS for another mater (different bid, contract, etc.) does **NOT** satisfy the requirement to file an EDS.

When completing the online EDS, please choose the Department of Procurement Services as the City agency or department that is requesting the EDS.

1.3. PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR REGISTRATION

To expedite and ease your registration process, we recommend that you collect the following information prior to registering for an Online EDS user account:

	1. Invitation number, if you were provided an invitation number.
	2. EDS document from previous years, if available.
	3. Email address to correspond with the Online EDS system.
	4. Company Information:
	a. Legal Name
	b. FEIN/SSN
	c. City of Chicago Vendor Number, if available.
	d. Address and phone number information that you would like to appear on your EDS documents.
	e. EDS Captain. Check for an EDS Captain in your company - this maybe the person that usually submits EDS for your company, or the first person that registers for your company.

1.4. **PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR EDS SUBMISSION**

To expedite and ease your EDS submission, we recommend that you collect the following information prior to updating your EDS information online.

Items #1 through #7 are needed for both EDS information updates and contract related EDS documents:

- _____ 1. Invitation number, if you were provided with an invitation number.
- _____ 2. Site address that is specific to this EDS.
- _____ 3. Contact that is responsible for this EDS.
- _____ 4. EDS document from previous years, if available.
- _____ 5. Ownership structure, and if applicable, owners' company information:
 - _____ a. % of ownership
 - _____ b. Legal Name
 - _____ c. FEIN/SSN
 - _____ d. City of Chicago Vendor Number, if available.
 - _____ e. Address
- _____ 6. List of directors, officers, titleholders, etc. (if applicable).
- _____ 7. For partnerships/LLC/LLP/Joint ventures, etc.; List of controlling parties (if applicable).

Items #8 and #9 are needed ONLY for contract related EDS documents:

- _____ 8. Contract related information (if applicable):
 - _____ a. City of Chicago contract package
 - _____ b. Cover page of City of Chicago bid/solicitation package
 - _____ c. If EDS is related to a mod, then cover page of your current contract with the City.
- _____ 9. List of subcontractors and retained parties:
 - _____ a. Name
 - _____ b. Address
 - _____ c. Fees – Estimated or paid

1.5. EDS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where do I file?

A: The web link for the Online EDS is <https://webapps.cityofchicago.org/EDSWeb>

Q: How do I get help?

A: If there is a question mark on a page or next to a field, click on the question mark for help filling out the page or field. You may also consult the User Manual and the Training Videos available on the left menu.

Q: Why do I have to submit an EDS?

A: The Economic Disclosure Statement (EDS) is required of applicants making an application to the City for action requiring City Council, City department or other City agency approval. For example, all bidders seeking a City contract are required to submit an EDS. Through the EDS, applicants make disclosures required by State law and City ordinances and certify compliance with various laws and ordinances. An EDS is also required of certain parties related to the applicant, such as owners and controlling parties.

Q: Who is the Applicant?

A: "Applicant" means any entity or person making an application to the City for action requiring City Council or other City agency approval. The applicant does not include owners and parent companies.

Q: Who is the Disclosing Party?

A: "Disclosing Party" means any entity or person submitting an EDS. This includes owners and parent companies.

Q: What is an entity or legal entity?

A: "Entity" or "Legal Entity" means a legal entity (for example, a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or trust).

Q: What is a person for purposes of the EDS?

A: "Person" means a human being.

Q: Who must submit an EDS?

A. An EDS must be submitted in any of the following three circumstances:

Applicants:	An Applicant must always file this EDS. If the Applicant is a legal entity, state the full name of that legal entity. If the Applicant is a person acting on his/her own behalf, state his/her name.
Entities holding an interest:	Whenever a legal entity has a beneficial interest (E. G. direct or indirect ownership) of more than 7.5% in the Applicant, each such legal entity must file an EDS on its own behalf.

Controlling entities:	Whenever a Disclosing Party is a general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or joint venture that has a general partner, managing member, manager or other entity that can control the day-to-day management of the Disclosing Party, that entity must also file an EDS on its own behalf. Each entity with a beneficial interest of more than 7.5% in the controlling entity must also file an EDS on its own behalf.
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Q: What information is needed to submit an EDS?

A: The information contained in the Preparation Checklist for EDS submission.

Q: I don't have a user ID & password. Can I still submit an Online EDS?

A: No. You must register and create a user ID and password before submitting an Online EDS.

Q: What information is needed to request a user ID & password for Online EDS?

A: The information contained in the Preparation Checklist for Registration is needed to request a login for the Online EDS.

Q: I already have a username and password from another City web site (City Web Portal, Department of Construction and Permits, Department of Consumer Services, etc.). Can I log-in the Online EDS with that account?

A: Usually not. The Online EDS uses a user ID and password system that is shared by the Public Vehicle Advertising and Water Payment web sites. You may use a username and password from those sites by answering "Yes" to "Is this an existing City of Chicago user ID?" when registering. Other usernames and passwords will not be automatically recognized. However, you may choose to create an identical username for the Online EDS if it is not already taken.

Q: I don't have an email address. How do I submit an Online EDS?

A: You cannot get an account to submit an online EDS without an email address. If you need an e-mail address, we suggest that you use a free internet email provider such as www.hotmail.com or www.yahoo.com or mail.google.com to open an account. The City does not endorse any particular free internet email provider. Public computers are available at all Chicago Public Library branches.

Q: I forgot my user ID. Can I register again?

A: No. If you are the EDS Captain of your organization, please contact the Department of Procurement Services at 312-744-4900. If you are an EDS team member, contact your EDS Captain, who can look up your user ID.

Q: Who is the EDS Captain?

A: The EDS Captain is a person who performs certain administrative functions for an organization which files an EDS. Each organization registered with the Online EDS has at least one EDS Captain. There may be co-captains, who are all equal. EDS Captains approve new users, change contact information for an organization, and

de-active accounts of employees who have left the organization. Please see the User Manual for more information.

Q: Why do we need EDS Captains?

A: The Online EDS is designed to be a self-service web application which allows those doing or seeking to do business with the City to perform as many routine functions as possible without City intervention. Because many organizations have multiple staff filing an EDS, the EDS Captain role allows those organizations to self-manage the contact information and users.

Q: Who is the EDS team?

A: The EDS team for an organization is everyone who is registered to file an EDS on behalf of the organization.

Q: I forgot my password. What should I do?

A: To retrieve a temporary password, click the “Forgot your password?” link on the login page. Enter your user ID that you provided when you registered your account. The system will automatically generate a temporary password and send it to you. When you log-in with your temporary password, you will be asked to create a new password.

Q: How do I complete an Online EDS?

A: Click on “Create New” after logging in. The Online EDS system will walk you through the EDS questions. Please see the User Manual for details.

Q: How do I fill out a Disclosure of Retained Parties?

A: There is no longer a separate Disclosure of Retained Parties filing. After logging in, click on “Create New”. Answer (click) “Contract” to “Is this EDS for a contract or an EDS information update?” Click “Fill out EDS”, and click on the “Retained Parties” tab. When finished, click on “Ready to Submit.”

Q: How do I attach documents?

A: Attachments are discouraged. If at all possible, please provide a concise explanation in the space provided in the online form. Attachments with pages of officers are not acceptable. Names of officers must be typed into the system. If you must provide an attachment for another reason, please send it to your City of Chicago contact (contract administrator or negotiator for procurements) and they will attach it for you. Documents can be sent in PDF (preferred), Word, or paper format.

Q: Who can complete an Economic Disclosure Statement online?

A: Any authorized representative of your business with a user ID and password can complete your EDS online. One person, such as an assistant, can fill in the information and save it, and another person can review and electronically sign the Online EDS.

Q: What are the benefits of filing my Economic Disclosure statement electronically?

A: Filing electronically reduces the chance of filing an incomplete EDS and speeds up the processing of contract awards. A certificate of filing can be printed at the

completion of the process and inserted into your bid package. The biggest benefit for those who frequently do business with the City is that after the first EDS, each EDS is much easier to fill out because non-contract specific information is pre-filled from the last submitted EDS.

Q: Will my information be secure?

A: Yes. When making your internet connection to our Web Server, you will connect through a Secure Socket Layer (SSL for short) to the "Online EDS" login page. All information you type will be protected using strong encryption. Within the login page, you will provide us with a user ID, password, and secret question for user authentication. Only you will have knowledge of this unique identification information.

Q: I am filing electronically. How do I sign my EDS?

A: Once you have completed the EDS, you will be prompted to enter your password and answer to your secret question. Together, these will serve as your electronic signature. Although you will also print and physically sign an EDS certification of filing as a notice that your EDS was filed, your EDS is complete as a legal document with only the electronic filing.

Q: My address has changed. How can I update my information?

A: You must be an EDS Captain for your organization to update this. Log-in and click on "Vendor Admin, Site Administration." Select the appropriate site and click edit.

Q: I have more questions. How can I contact the Department of Procurement Services?

A: Please contact the contract administrator or negotiator assigned to your solicitation or contract. You may call DPS at 312-744-4900 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Central Time.

Q: Can I save a partially complete EDS?

A: Yes. Click "Save". To avoid data loss, we recommend you save your work periodically while filling out your EDS.

Q: Do I have to re-type my information each time I submit an EDS?

A: No. The system will remember non-contract specific information from your last submitted EDS for one year. This information will be filled-in for you in your new EDS. You will have an opportunity to correct it if it has changed since your last filing. When you submit your new EDS, the information is saved and the one-year clock begins running anew.

Q: What are the system requirements to use the Online EDS?

A: The following are minimum requirements to use the Online EDS:

- A PDF viewer such as Adobe Reader is installed and your web browser is configured to display PDFs automatically. You may download and install Adobe Reader free at www.adobe.com/products/reader/
- Your web browser is set to permit running of JavaScript.

- Your web browser allows cookies to be set for this site. Please note that while we use cookies in the Online EDS, we do not use them to track personally identifiable information, so your privacy is maintained.
- Your monitor resolution is set to a minimum of 1024 x 768.
- While not required to submit an EDS, if you wish to view the training videos, you must have Adobe Flash Plugin version 9 or higher, speakers, and sound. Please note that very old computers may not be able to run Adobe Flash and will not be able to play the training videos. In that case, we encourage you to seek help using the Online EDS Manuals. You may download and install Adobe Flash Plugin free at <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer>

The Online EDS has been tested on Internet Explorer 6.0 and 7.0 and Firefox 2.0 and 3.0 on Windows XP and Mac OS X. Although it should work on other browsers and operating systems, the City of Chicago cannot guarantee compatibility.