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City of San Antonio Discretionary Contracts Disclosure

Office of the
City Clerk

Please fill out this form online, print completed form and submit with proposal to originating department. All questions must be answered.

For details on use of this form, see Section 2-59 through 2-61 of the City's Ethics Code.

*This is a New Submission or Correction or Update to previous submission.

*1. Name of person submitting this disclosure form.

First: Thomas M.I. C. Last: Downs Suffix: _____

*2. Contract information.

a) Contract or project name: Federal Representation Services

b) Originating department: Intergovernmental Relations

*3. Name of individual(s) or entity(ies) seeking a contract with the city (i.e. parties to the contract).

Venable LLP

*4. List any business entity(ies) that is a partner, parent, or subsidiary business entity(ies) of the individual or entity listed in Question 3.

Not applicable. Contracting party(ies) does not have partner, parent, or subsidiary business entities.

Names of partner, parent, or subsidiary business entities:

*5. List any individuals or entities that will be subcontractors on this contract.

Not applicable. No subcontractors will be retained for this contract.

Subcontractors may be retained, but have not been selected at the time of this submission.

List of subcontractors:

Serna & Serna, LLP

*6. List any attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants retained by any individuals listed in Questions 3, 4, or 5 to assist in seeking this contract.

Not applicable. No attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants have been retained to assist in seeking this contract.

List of attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants retained to assist in seeking this contract:

*7. Disclosure of political contributions.

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List any campaign or officeholder contributions made by the following individuals in the past 24 months totaling more than \$100 to any current member of City Council, former member of City Council, any candidate for City Council, or to any political action committee that contributes to City Council elections:

- a) any individual seeking contract with the city (Question 3)
- b) any owner or officer of entity seeking contract with the city (Question 3)
- c) any individual or owner or officer of an entity listed above as a partner, parent, or subsidiary business (Question 4)
- d) any subcontractor or owner/officer of subcontracting entity retained for the contract (Question 5)
- e) the spouse of any individual listed in response to (a) through (d) above
- f) any attorney, lobbyist, or consultant retained to assist in seeking contract (Question 6)

Not applicable. No campaign or officeholder contributions have been made in preceding 24 months by these individuals.

List of contributions:

Name of Contributor	To Whom	Date(s) of Contribution(s)	Total Amount of Contribution(s)	Add
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Chris Medina	1/1/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Rolando Briones Campaign	1/10/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Julian Castro	1/31/2013	\$1,000.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Rey Saldana	3/21/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Carlton Soules Campaign	3/25/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Leticia Ozuna Campaign	5/8/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Rebecca Viagran	5/23/2013	\$250.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Rebecca Viagran	5/23/2013	\$250.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	David Medina	5/31/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Ron Nirenberg	6/18/2013	\$250.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Chris Medina	8/26/2013	\$125.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Ray Lopez	9/10/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Julian Castro	9/19/2013	\$1,000.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Chris Medina	10/24/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Diego Bernal	10/30/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Ron Nirenberg	11/14/2013	\$500.00	Delete
Balthazar R. Serna, Jr.	Diego Bernal	12/2/2013	\$250.00	Delete

Updates on Contributions Required



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Information regarding contributions must be updated by submission of a revised form from the date of the submission of this form, up through the time City Council takes action on the contract identified in response to Question 2 and continuing for 30 calendar days after the contract has been awarded.

Notice Regarding Contribution Prohibitions for "High-Profile" Contracts

Under Section 2-309 of the Municipal Campaign Finance Code, the following listed individuals are prohibited from making a campaign or officeholder contribution to any member of City Council, candidate for City Council or political action committee that contributes to City Council elections from the 10th business day after a contract solicitation has been released until 30 calendar days after the contract has been awarded:

- a) Legal signatory of a high-profile contract
- b) Any individual seeking a high-profile contract
- c) Any owner or officer of an entity seeking a high-profile contract
- d) The spouse of any of individual listed in response to (a) through (c) above
- e) Any attorney, lobbyist, or consultant retained to assist in seeking a high-profile contract

Penalty. A high-profile contract cannot be awarded to the individual or entity if a prohibited contribution has been made by any of these individuals during the contribution "black-out" period, which is the 10th business day after a solicitation has been released until 30 calendar days after the contract has been awarded.

*8. Disclosure of conflict of interest.

Are you aware of any fact(s) with regard to this contract that would raise a "conflict of interest" issue under Sections 2-43 or 2-44 of the City Ethics Code for any City Council member or board/commission member that has not or will not be raised by these city officials?

- I am not aware of any conflict(s) of interest issues under Section 2-43 or 2-44 of the City Ethics Code for members of City Council or a city board/commission.
- I am aware of the following conflict(s) of interest:

None.

Acknowledgements

*1. Updates Required

- I understand that this form must be updated by submission of a revised form if there is any change in the information before the discretionary contract is the subject of action by the City Council, and no later than 5 business days after any change has occurred, whichever comes first. This includes information about political contributions made after the initial submission and up until 30 calendar days after contract has been awarded.

*2. No Contact with City Officials or Staff during Contract Evaluation

- I understand that a person or entity who seeks or applies for a city contract or any other person acting on behalf of that person or entity is prohibited from contacting city officials and employees regarding the contract after a Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualification (RFQ), or other solicitation has been released.

This no-contact provision shall conclude when the contract is posted as a City Council agenda item. If contact is required with city officials or employees, the contact will take place in accordance with procedures incorporated into the solicitation documents. Violation of this prohibited contacts provision set out in Section 2-61 of the City Ethics Code by respondents or their agents may lead to disqualification of their offer from consideration.

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Acknowledgements (continued)

***3. Contribution Prohibitions for "High-Profile" Contracts**

- This is not a high-profile contract.
 This is a high-profile contract.

***4. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ)**

Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code requires all contractors and vendors to submit a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Form (CIQ) to the Office of the City Clerk, even if contract is not designated as "High Profile".

- I acknowledge that I have been advised of the requirement to file a CIQ form under Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code.

*Oath

- I swear or affirm that the statements contained in this Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form, including any attachments, to the best of my knowledge and belief are true, correct, and complete.

Your Name: Thomas C. Downs  Title: Partner

Company Name or DBA: Venable LLP Date: 01/23/2015

Please fill this form out online, print completed form and submit with proposal to originating department. All questions must be answered.

If necessary to mail, send to:
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