



ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING
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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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INDIANA STATE
ETHICS COMMISSION

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (<i>last</i>) Fortney	Name (<i>first</i>) Josh	Name (<i>middle</i>)
Name of office or agency Indiana Department of Transportation		Job title Railroad Administrator
Address of office (<i>number and street</i>) 100 N. Senate Ave., N758		City Indianapolis
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Describe the conflict of interest:

Josh Fortney ("Fortney") is the Railroad Administrator for the Indiana Department of Transportation-Central Office ("INDOT").

Fortney has recently interviewed for employment with Schneider Geomatics ("Schneider") for a Road and Rail Permit Coordinator position.

Schneider does not have a business relationship with the Railroad Administrator's office and no contracts with INDOT have been located. Fortney has never seen any permit from Schneider during his tenure with INDOT.

Fortney's employment negotiations with Schneider may create a potential decisions and voting conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9. This disclosure is being filed in anticipation of that potential conflict.

Fortney is not subject to the mandatory cooling off period (I.C. 4-2-6-11(b)) with regard to Schneider.

Fortney is subject to the particular matter restriction and will not assist future employers, including Schneider, with any matter he personally and substantially participated in on behalf of INDOT.

This disclosure was provided to Fortney's appointing authority, Commissioner Lyndsay Quist, on August 8, 2025.

Evidence of said disclosure to Commissioner Quist is filed herewith pursuant to I.C. 4-2-6-9(b)(2)(D).

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: *(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

Pursuant to I.C. 4-2-6-9(b)(2), this disclosure was executed and filed with the SEC within seven (7) days of the potential conflict being identified by the below signed ethics officer.

A formal screen was executed with the INDOT ethics officer preventing Fortney from working with Schneider in his capacity as an INDOT employee. Said screen prohibits Fortney from exercising any of his official duties or otherwise participating in any decision or vote, or matter related to such decision or vote involving or in which Schneider may have an interest.

Fortney is further screened from assisting any future employer, including Schneider, with any matter in which he personally and substantially participated in while employed by INDOT.

The screen was executed on August 8, 2025, a copy of which was sent to Commissioner Quist along with this disclosure.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Date signed (month, day, year)

8/8/2025

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Josh Fortney

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Date signed (month, day, year)

8/8/2025

Printed full name of ethics officer

Deborah Law

Garrigus, Adam

From: Law, Deborah
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 2:53 PM
To: Quist, Lyndsay
Cc: Grand, Alison
Subject: ethics filing
Attachments: Fortney COI disclosure-signed.pdf; COI Screen- Fortney.pdf

Commissioner Quist,

Under 42 IAC 1-5-6(b)(2)(D), this email serves to notify you that a conflict-of-interest disclosure statement and screening document will be filed with the State Ethics Commission for Josh Fortney, Railroad Administrator. Under the Indiana Administrative Code, the appointing authority must be notified of any potential conflict of interest, as well as the screening and disclosure process.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST SCREEN FOR JOSH FORTNEY

August 8, 2025

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, Josh Fortney is the Railroad Administrator for the Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT"); and

WHEREAS, Josh Fortney has interviewed for a Road and Rail Permit Coordinator position with Schneider Geomatics ("Schneider"); and

WHEREAS, Schneider does not have a business relationship with INDOT; and

WHEREAS, as the Railroad Administrator for INDOT, it is possible that Josh Fortney could be assigned to participate in matters in which Schneider has an interest as part of his regular duties; and

WHEREAS, Josh Fortney's employment negotiations with Schneider create a potential decision and voting conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9 requiring disclosure and a formal screen; and

WHEREAS, Josh Fortney is subject to the particular matter restriction (IC 4-2-6-11(a)) and cannot assist future employers, including Schneider, with any matter he personally and substantially participated in for INDOT; and

WHEREAS, Josh Fortney may have obtained confidential information in the course of his employment with INDOT and has an affirmative duty to protect such information from disclosure and to refrain from relying on such information for the benefit of himself or future employers.¹

NOW THEREFORE, Josh Fortney, Railroad Administrator for INDOT, for his remaining tenure with INDOT, or until he discontinues employment negotiations with Schneider, agrees to in all ways follow, adhere to, and satisfy the terms of the following Conflict of Interest Screen. Josh Fortney must adhere to terms three (3) and four (4) regarding the particular matter restriction and confidential information in perpetuity.

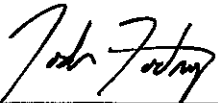
II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST SCREEN

1. Josh Fortney shall not participate in any decision or vote, or any matter related to such decision or vote, in which Schneider has a financial interest.
2. Josh Fortney is screened from participating in any present or future contract or other matter involving Schneider.
3. Josh Fortney shall not assist any future employers, including Schneider, with any matter he personally and substantially participated in while employed by INDOT. This restriction applies in perpetuity, for the life of the particular matter.
4. Pursuant to his duty under Ind. Code §5-14-3-10, Josh Fortney shall not disclose or otherwise rely upon information classified as confidential under Ind. Code §5-14-3-4. This restriction applies in perpetuity, so long as the subject information is deemed confidential.

III. EMPLOYEE AFFIRMATION

I have read and understand the terms of the foregoing Conflict of Interest Screen, and will in all ways follow, adhere to, and satisfy the above stated restrictions on my participation in any decision or vote in which Schneider has a financial interest. I understand that the first two (2) terms of this screen terminate upon my leaving INDOT or the discontinuation of negotiations with Schneider, whichever occurs first. I further understand that terms three (3) and four (4) regarding particular matters and confidential information respectively, apply in perpetuity, for the life of each matter and so long as the subject information is deemed confidential. I have shared and discussed this Conflict-of-Interest Screen and its requirements with my supervisor.

Executed and agreed on this 8th day of August 2025, by:



Josh Fortney, Railroad Administrator
Indiana Department of Transportation

¹ State employees have an affirmative duty under Ind. Code §5-14-3-10 to protect from disclosure and to refrain from relying upon information defined as confidential under Ind. Code §5-14-3-4.