

# ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
IC 4-2-6-9

## INDIANA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven. 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 (last) Name (first) Name (middle) Ready Lara Job title Name of office or agency Indiana Department of Transportation- LaPorte District **Project Engineer** Address of office (number and street) City ZIP code 315 East Boyd Boulevard LaPorte 46350 Office telephone number Office e-mail address (required) (219)809-8360 Iready@indot.IN.gov Describe the conflict of interest: Lara Ready is a Project Engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)- LaPorte District. Lara Ready has accepted an employment position with RQAW Corporation ("RQAW"). RQAW has a business relationship with INDOT, including active contracts with the Department. Lara Ready's employment negotiations with RQAW created a potential decisions and voting conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9. This disclosure is therefore being filed in anticipation of that potential conflict. Lara Ready is not subject to the mandatory cooling off period (IC 4-2-6-11(b)) with regard to RQAW. Lara Ready is subject to the particular matter restriction and will not assist future employers, including RQAW, with any matter she personally and substantially participated in on behalf of INDOT. This disclosure was provided to Lara Ready's appointing authority, Commissioner Joe McGuinness, on December 30, 2021. Evidence of said disclosure to Commissioner McGuinness is filed herewith pursuant to IC 4-2-6-9(b)(2)(D). Pursuant to IC 4-2-6-9(b)(2), this disclosure was executed and filed with the SEC within seven days (7) of the potential conflict being identified by the below signed ethics officer.

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)  A formal screen was executed with INDOT's ethics officer preventing Lara Ready from work	king with RQAW
in her capacity as an INDOT employee. Said screen prohibits Lara Ready from under taking any of her official duties	
or otherwise participating in any decision or vote, or matter related to such decision or vote,	involving RQAW
or in which RQAW has an interest. Lara Ready is further screened from assisting any future	
employer, including RQAW with a matter in which she personally and substantially participated in while	
employed by INDOT.	
The screen was executed on December 30, 2021, a copy of which was sent to Commission	er Joe McGuinness 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) December 30, 2021
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee  Lara Ready	
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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 Christopher B. Serak	Date signed <i>(month, day, year)</i> December 30, 2021
Printed full name of ethics officer	

Christopher B. Serak

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST SCREEN FOR LARA READY

December 30, 2021

#### I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lara Ready is a Project Engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation-LaPorte District ("INDOT" or "Department"); and

WHEREAS, Lara Ready has accepted a position with RQAW Corporation ("RQAW"); and WHEREAS, RQAW has a business relationship with INDOT, including ongoing contracts with the Department; and

WHEREAS, as a Project Engineer for INDOT, it is possible that Lara Ready could be assigned to work with RQAW or to participate in matters in which the company has an interest as part of her regular duties; and

WHEREAS, Lara Ready's employment negotiations with RQAW created a potential decision and voting conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9 requiring disclosure and a formal screen; and

WHEREAS, Lara Ready is subject to the particular matter restriction under IC 4-2-6-11(a) and cannot assist future employers, including RQAW, with any matter she personally and substantially participated in while employed by INDOT.

NOW THEREFORE, Lara Ready, a Project Engineer for the LaPorte District, for her remaining tenure with the Department, or until she discontinues employment negotiations with RQAW Corporation, agrees to in all ways follow, adhere to, and satisfy the terms of the following Conflict of Interest Screen. Lara Ready must adhere to term three (3) regarding the particular matter restriction in perpetuity, for the life of each particular matter.

#### II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST SCREEN

- 1. Lara Ready shall not participate in any decision or vote, or any matter related to such decision or vote, in which RQAW Corporation has a financial interest.
- 2. Lara Ready should be screened from participating in any present or future contract or other matter involving RQAW Corporation.
- 3. Lara Ready shall not assist any future employers, including RQAW Corporation, with any matter she personally and substantially participated in while employed by INDOT. This restriction applies in perpetuity, for the life of the particular matter.

#### 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 RQAW Corporation has a financial interest. I understand that the first two (2) terms of this screen terminate upon my leaving the Department or the discontinuation of negotiations with RQAW, whichever occurs first. I further understand that term three (3) concerning the particular matter restrict applies in perpetuity, for the life of the matter. I have shared and discussed this Conflict of Interest Screen and its requirements with my supervisor.

Executed and agreed this 30th day of December 2021, by:

Lara Ready, Project Engineer

Indiana Department of Transportation- LaPorte District

#### Baker, Nathaniel P

To:

Serak, Chris (INDOT)

Subject:

RE: Executed COI Disclosure & Screen for Lara Ready

From: Serak, Chris (INDOT)

Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:37 AM

To: McGuinness, Joe < JMcGuinness@indot.IN.gov >

Cc: Kennedy, Heather < HKennedy@indot.IN.gov >; Ready, Lara < LREADY@indot.IN.gov >

Subject: Executed COI Disclosure & Screen for Lara Ready

Commissioner McGuinness-

Pursuant to the notice requirements of Ind. Code 4-2-6-9(b), please find the attached conflict disclosure and internal screen executed by employee Lara Ready. The disclosure will be filed with the Indiana Ethics Commission in satisfaction of the same.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Chris

Christopher B. Serak,
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