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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**  
State Form 55860 (R / 10-15)  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
IC 4-2-6-9

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 (last) Merritt	Name (first) Fred	Name (middle) J.
Name of office or agency Riverside Mfg., LLC		Job title CEO
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Describe the conflict of interest:  
 On June 5, 2017, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) Board of Directors considered an Application for Incentives from Dow Chemical Company (Dow) and E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (Dupont). Prior to the meeting, Mr. Merritt notified the IEDC's General Counsel & Ethics Officer that his wife currently represents Dow in the sale of real estate in Indiana. In the interests of transparency and out of an abundance of caution, the IEDC General Counsel & Ethics Officer identified this as a financial interest requiring an ethical screen and disclosure.

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

As detailed in the Ethics Commission's Advisory Opinion 17-I-2, the IEDC has well-established ethical screening procedures. The relationship of Mr. Merritt's wife's business with Dow was logged into the IEDC's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database, which is used to identify potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Merritt was screened from any involvement in the Dow Dupont matter. Mr. Merritt has not discussed the Dow Dupont matter with the IEDC staff or members of the IEDC Board of Directors, other than to disclose his wife's business relationship with Dow to the IEDC's Ethics Officer. When the Business Development Committee of the IEDC Board conducted its public meeting on June 5, 2017, the IEDC's Ethics Officer asked Mr. Merritt to recuse himself from any discussion, decision, or vote related to the Dow Dupont matter, and Mr. Merritt was completely screened from the matter. Subsequently, during the public meeting of the entire IEDC Board, Mr. Merritt again recused himself and was completely screened from any discussion, decision or vote related to the Dow Dupont matter.

**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)

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

FRED J. MERRITT

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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)

Printed full name of ethics officer

John Z. Huang

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