

ETHICAL CONDUCT AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.
 - (a) A consultant or independent contractor of the Center who is a party to or who is interested in a project, as more fully described in paragraph (b) below, shall immediately disclose the nature and extent of the interest to the Director of the Center..
 - (b) A consultant or independent contractor of the Center (any such person being a “Covered Person”) shall be deemed to have an Adverse Interest and to be subject to the requirement for disclosure as described in paragraph (a) above if any of the following conditions are met:
 - (i) The Covered Person has a financial interest in a project;
 - (ii) A member of the immediate family of the Covered Person has an interest in a project;
 - (iii) A Covered Person has an employer-employee, partnership, agency, lender or borrower, fiduciary or has legal or beneficial ownership in a party to or a person financially interested in a project; or
 - (iv) A situation or matter exists which might reasonably be expected to influence a Covered Person in the discharge of the Covered Person’s official duties concerning a project.
2. Prohibited Activities. No consultant or independent contractor of the Center may directly or indirectly use for personal gain any information not available to the public concerning a project which comes to him/her or is as a result of affiliation with the Center, nor may such person or entity provide that information to others not directly connected with the Center's investigation concerning the feasibility, development or establishment of a project.
3. Remedies. The failure to make any required disclosure under this policy or any other breach of this policy is grounds for disciplinary action by the Center against the Covered Person, which disciplinary action may include removal from the Board or termination of the individual's employment, consulting or other contract or arrangement, and is grounds for disapproval of an application or rescission of a project by the Center. The remedies provided herein shall be in addition to any other legal remedies available to the Center.

Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Conflict of Interest Policy

I have read and understand the above statement regarding conflicts of interest. I acknowledge that there are no current transactions or activities, which may represent a potential competing or conflicting interest, as defined above as it relates to my relationship with the Center. Further, I acknowledge that I must disclose to the Director of the Center any transaction or activities of the Center or me which might be covered by the above regarding Ethical Conduct and Conflicts of Interest. Finally, I understand that failure to comply with the above will cause irreparable damage to the Center and its activities, and the remedies set forth and other legal and equitable remedies necessary to protect the Center from further harm are appropriate. .

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____