

Certificate of Interested Parties

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted **House Bill 1295**, which added 2252.908 to the Texas Government Code and applies to all contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2016. Section 2252.908 (b)(1)(2) applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or that has a value of at least \$1 million. In addition, pursuant to Section 2252.908 (d), a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into a contract described by Subsection (b) with a business entity unless the business entity, in accordance with this section and rules adopted under this section, submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency.

With regard to Hays County purchases, a vendor that is awarded a contract or purchase approved by Hays County Commissioner's Court is required to electronically complete a Form 1295 through the Texas Ethics Commission website (https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm) and submit a signed and notarized copy of the form to the County. A contract, including County issued purchase order (if applicable), will not be enforceable or legally binding until the County receives and acknowledges receipt of the properly completed Form 1295 from the awarded vendor.