

The Purchasing Division requires all evaluators of solicitations, despite the type of transaction, to sign a Certification of Non-Conflict of Interest, in accordance with the West Virginia Code §5A-3-31. The Purchasing Division also requires that the agency procurement officer sign this certification. By signing this certification, the evaluator(s), advisor(s) and the agency procurement officer attest that: (1) his or her service on the evaluation committee is not in violation of West Virginia Code § 5A-331, § 6B-2-5, or any other relevant code section; (2) his or her service on the evaluation committee does not create a conflict of interest with any of the participating vendors; and (3) he or she has not had or will not have contact relating to the solicitation identified herein with any participating vendors between the time of the bid opening and the award recommendation without prior approval of the Purchasing Division. Agency procurement officers should discuss the non-conflict of interest issue with potential committee members to ensure that individuals who may have a conflict are not chosen to participate as evaluation committee members.

Please note that this requirement applies to all transaction types.

This certification must be submitted at the following times:

- Requests for Proposals (RFP) / Expressions of Interests (EOI): Agencies must submit this certification prior to beginning the evaluation of an RFP or EOI.
- Requests for Quotations and All Other Transaction Types: The evaluator(s) must sign the Certification of Non-Conflict of Interest and submit it, along with the recommendation for award, to the Purchasing Division.

This certification applies to all transactions processed through the Purchasing Division. In addition, it is required for agency delegated purchases exceeding \$5,000. Agencies may adopt this policy at their discretion for purchases of \$5,000 or less.



## Non-Conflict of Interest Certification (WV-31) Page 2, Acknowledgements

West Virginia Code § 5A-3-31: “It shall be unlawful for any person to corruptly act alone or combine, collude or conspire with one or more other persons with respect to the purchasing or supplying of services, commodities or printing to the state under the provisions of this article if the purpose or effect of such action, combination, collusion or conspiracy is either to: (1) Lessen competition among prospective vendors; or (2) cause the state to pay a higher price for such services, commodities or printing than would be or would have been paid in the absence of such action, combination, collusion or conspiracy; or (3) cause one prospective vendor or vendors to be preferred over one or more other prospective vendor or vendors. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a state correctional facility not less than one nor more than five years, and be fined not exceeding \$10,000.”

West Virginia Code § 6B-2-5(b)(1): “A public official or public employee may not knowingly and intentionally use his or her office or the prestige of his or her office for his or her own private gain or that of another person.”

West Virginia Code § 6B-2-5(d)(1): “[N]o elected or appointed public official or public employee or member of his or her immediate family or business with which he or she is associated may be a party to or have an interest in the profits or benefits of a contract which the official or employee may have direct authority to enter into, or over which he or she may have control . . . .”

The individual(s) listed below have been charged to evaluate or serve as members or advisors of an evaluation committee for the solicitation as specified [ ].

**By signing this form, each individual acknowledges that: (1) his or her service on the evaluation committee is not in violation of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-31, § 6B-2-5, or any other relevant code section; (2) his or her service on the evaluation committee does not create a conflict of interest with any of the participating vendors; and (3) he or she has not had or will not have contact relating to the solicitation identified above with any participating vendors between the time of the bid opening and the award recommendation without prior approval of the Purchasing Division.**

NAME/TITLE	AGENCY	SIGNATURE	DATE