

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

**FORM CIQ**

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

694338  
11/27/2006 PERSONAL  
\$0.00 NPR No Fee

1 Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

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Merck & Co., Inc.

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Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Describe each affiliation or business relationship with an employee or contractor of the local governmental entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the local governmental entity with respect to expenditure of money.

Despite diligent efforts to obtain the information by Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck"), Harris County Hospital District has been unable to provide Merck with a list of persons who make recommendations to local government officers of Harris County Hospital District with respect to the expenditure of money. Accordingly, Merck is unable to answer this question. Merck will update this form at such time as Harris County Hospital District is able to provide such information.

4 Describe each affiliation or business relationship with a person who is a local government officer and who appoints or employs a local government officer of the local governmental entity that is the subject of this questionnaire.

No time period is specified in Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for answering this question. Accordingly, Merck will answer this question for the time period January 1, 2006 to the present. After conducting a reasonable inquiry, Merck has been unable to identify any affiliation or business relationship that it has directly with persons who are either local government officers of Harris County Hospital District or who appoint or employ a local government officer of Harris County Hospital District for which it understands disclosure to be required. Merck has based its response to this question on the list of local government officers and the list of individuals who appoint or employ the local government officers that were provided to Merck by Harris County Hospital District. Merck does have an existing contract with the Harris County Hospital District and thus has business relationships with employees of the Hospital District for the purpose of performing its obligations under that contract.

Despite diligent efforts to obtain the information by Merck, Harris County Hospital District has been unable to provide Merck with a list of corporations or other business entities for which the local government officers of Harris County Hospital District serve as an officer or director, or hold an ownership interest of 10 percent or more. Accordingly, Merck is unable to answer this question with respect to such affiliations or relationships. Merck will update this form at such time as Harris County Hospital District is able to provide such information.

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**5** Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship. (Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.)

This section, Item 5 including subparts A, B, C & D, must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has affiliation or business relationship. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

Not applicable based upon answers to questions three and four above.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes  No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not from the local governmental entity?

Yes  No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire affiliated with a corporation or other business entity that the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes  No

D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship.

**FILE FOR RECORD  
8:00 AM**

**NOV 27 2006**

*Beverly B. Hightower*  
County Clerk, Harris County, Texas

**6** Describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest.

After a reasonable inquiry and based upon the information provided by Harris County Hospital District, none.

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*Joseph Deusskew*  
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

11/22/06  
Date