



CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – CONTRACTS ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

State Form 53345 (R2 / 6-15)

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
IC 4-2-6-10.5

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☐ Check if you are making a correction to a previously filed statement.

A state officer, employee, or special state appointee may not knowingly have a financial interest in a contract made by an agency. The term financial interest is defined in IC 4-2-6-1. This prohibition, however, does not apply to an officer, employee, or special state appointee who (1) does not participate in or have contracting responsibility for the contracting agency and (2) meets the criteria in IC 4-2-6-10.5(b)(2) and (c)(1)-(5). One criterion is that the officer, employee, or special state appointee must file a written statement with the Inspector General before the officer, employee, or special state appointee executes the contract with the state agency.

The foregoing consists only of excerpts from IC 4-2-6-10.5. Care should be taken to review IC 4-2-6-10.5 in its entirety to ensure compliance with all criteria set forth in the statute. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Last name

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First name

Denise

Middle initial

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Address of office (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)

1202 E 38th Street; Discovery Hall, Ste. 100; Indianapolis IN 46205

Title or position within agency

Communication Director

Name of agency

IN State Board of Animal Health

PART 2 – CONTRACT

List the name for each entity (i.e. vendor, contractor, consultant, subcontractor, or subconsultant) in which you have a financial interest that has a contract with a state agency. Also, list the name of the state agency the entity is contracting with (use a different form for each contract).

Business name of entity

Indiana Department of Homeland Security

Name of entity contact person (first name and last name)

Julie Smith

This contract was (check one):

☐ made after public notice and, if applicable, through competitive bidding; or

☒ not subject to notice and bidding requirements

If the contract was not subject to notice and bidding requirements, please provide the basis for that conclusion here.

IDHS and the Office of School Safety are using Denise to perform Public Information Training for school officials because of the extensive knowledge and experience she has with School Resource Officers and school safety. IC 5-22-10-1 allows a purchasing agent to make a purchase under Chapter 10 without soliciting bids or proposals. Under IC 5-22-10-9, IDHS is making this purchase/entering into the contract because using another purchasing method would seriously impair the functioning of IDHS due to Denise's knowledge of school safety on a state level. IDHS requires exemplary instructors for this type of training and with Denise IDHS will have that.

Description(s) of Contract(s): (Describe the type of contract involved and the effective date and term of the contract if reasonably determinable.)

The contract entails conducting media training for school safety officials/designees, including developing/adapting content focused on topics and scenarios applicable to situations that could arise in or related to school settings.

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Description of the Financial Interest: *(Describe in what manner the state officer, employee, or special state appointee expects to derive a financial interest from or otherwise has a pecuniary interest in, the above contract. State the approximate dollar value of the interest if reasonably determinable. Attach extra pages if additional space is needed.)*

IDHS will pay for time spent to customize and prepare the course content to meet the needs of school safety officials, as well as time for instructing the training class and associated expenses related to materials and/or travel. The approximate dollar value is \$4,900.00.

ONLY COMPLETE PART 3 IF CONTRACT IS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

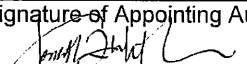
PART 3 – AGENCY CERTIFICATION

Approval of appointing authority

Being the Executive Director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security
(Title of Appointing Authority) (Name of Contracting Agency)

I hereby affirm that no other state officer, employee, or special state appointee of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security
(Name of the Contracting Agency)

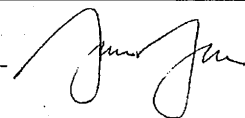
is available to perform those services as part of the regular duties of the state officer, employee, or special state appointee.

Signature of Appointing Authority 	Date signed (month, day, year) 04/22/2026
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Name of Appointing Authority
Jonathan Whitham

PART 4 – AFFIRMATION

I submit this statement to the Inspector General pursuant to 42 IAC 1-5-7 (IC 4-2-6-10.5) to disclose my financial interest in a contract with an agency. This contract can be performed without compromising the performance of my official duties and responsibilities as a state officer, employee or special state appointee. I affirm that I do not participate in or have contracting responsibility for the contracting agency. I further affirm that the contract was made after public notice or competitive bidding, if applicable. I also affirm, under penalty of perjury, the truth and completeness of the statements made above and that I am the above named state officer, employee, or special state appointee.

Signature 	Date signed (month, day, year) April 23, 2026
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