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**LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, made this 28 day of September, 2012, by and between the Prince George's Contractors and Business Association, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel, to the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter "Staff Counsel").

**RECITALS**

The State Ethics Commission ("the Commission") is the executive agency of the State of Maryland established by Chapter 513, Acts of 1979 for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (State Government Article, Title 15, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the Public Ethics Law) including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

The Prince George's Contractors and Business Association ("the filer") is a company whose lobbying activities during the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012 required it to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

The filer did not timely register as required by the Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. Art., § 15-703(d)(1)(Supp. 2011).

The filer subsequently registered on September 13, 2012 for the period of July 20, 2012 to October 31, 2012.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this Agreement to admit its failure to timely file a lobbyist registration with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 15-405 of the Public Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration form by the filer on September 13, 2012 and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and the Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file its lobbyist registration form for the period of July 20, 2012 to October 31, 2012, as required by § 15-703(d)(1) of the Public Ethics Law.

2. The filer reported its delinquency to the Commission and filed its registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof) on September 13, 2012.

3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Public Ethics Law may subject it to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon finding of a violation, late fees and the possibility of civil fines.

4. Based on the facts stated in this Agreement the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matter, the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) at the time of the execution of this Agreement in lieu of a potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late registration statement (paragraph 1).

5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on its failure to timely register. The filer understands that the Commission is under no obligation to accept this Agreement and may decide to take other action,

including issuing a complaint.

6. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the Agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which it would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and understands that this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Public Ethics Law, and will be public information unless otherwise protected.

7. The filer and Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of a lobbyist registration and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Prince George's Contractors and Business Association and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON  
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

William J. Colquhoun  
State Ethics Commission  
45 Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 260-7770

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON  
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Prince George's Contractors  
and Business Association  
Lobbyist

State of Maryland  
County of: Prince Georges County, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph Caskins and acknowledged that he/she was an individual authorized to execute this document on behalf of the Prince George's Contractors and Business Association, and that he/she executed this document for the purpose set forth herein on behalf of the Prince George's Contractors and Business Association

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/16/2013

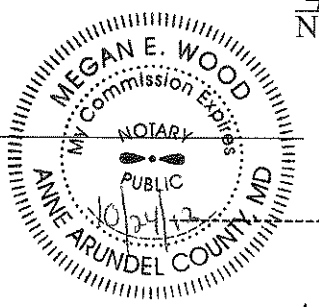
State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County  
County of: Prince Georges County to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this 28 day of September, 2012 in due form of law that he executed this Agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



Accepted by the Commission

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Paul M. Vettori, Chairman  
for the Commission

Date: October 25, 2012

**PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

What Type of registration are you seeking?

Legislative Action Lobbyist \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Action Lobbyist \_\_\_\_\_

Grass Roots Lobbyist   x    
Non-exempt employer \_\_\_\_\_

Primary purpose of Organization

Is the employer or the registered organization (if there is no employer) organized and operated for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislation or executive action?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   x  

Check Number:   100  

**PART B. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT/REGULATED LOBBYIST**

**1. Identifying Information**

a) Name of Registrant/Regulated Lobbyist: Prince George's Contractors and Business Association

b) Firm Name: Prince George's Contractors and Business Association

Address:  
5625 Allentown Road, Suite 107  
Suitland, MD 20746

c) Business telephone: 301-326-3470

Cell phone: 240-286-8567

Do you want your telephone number on the published lobbyist list?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   x  

d) What is your occupation or type of business? Business Owner

If other: N/A

**2. Identification of others required to register**

a) Will any other person be required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of you or the organization identified in section 1?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   x  

b) If the answer to a) is "yes", identify each such person below and give their name and address?

**3. Identification of employer**

a) Name of persons or organizations who compensate you for activities that require registration.  
Prince George's Contractors and Business Association

Permanent Address:  
5625 Allentown Road, Suite 107  
Suitland, MD 20746

Business Telephone: 301-326-3470

Nature of business: Business Advocacy

Website of employer:

b) Will you be representing any other person or entity regarding the matters identified in this registration?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   x  

**4. Registration Information**

a) For what period will this registration be effective?  
July 20, 2012 to October 31, 2012

b) On what matters will you be acting or employing someone to act during the registration period?  
ASSOCIATIONS/COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
MINORITIES

c) If known include the bill number(s) of the matter(s) on which you lobby  
N/A

**PART C. REGISTRANT'S REGULATED LOBBYIST'S SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**PART D. AUTHORIZATION TO ACT**

**1 Authorization**

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is correct and that Prince George's Contractors and Business Association (name of lobbyist) is authorized to act on behalf of Prince George's Contractors and Business Association (name of employer) for the period from July 20, 2012 to October 31, 2012 unless this authority is terminated sooner.

**2 Exemption Status of Employer**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ The employer claims the exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports because all expenditures requiring registration and reporting will be reported by this registrant/regulator lobbyist.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity report because the registrants/regulator lobbyist will report only expenditures and compensation regard the filer's activity. If this option is selected, the employer must submit a separate registration for lobbying and the required reports.
- c)   x   The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reports based on the activities of the filer will report only expenditures and compensation regarding the filer's activities. However, the employer does claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reporting because another regulated lobbyist will report any other expenditures of the employer, and the employer will engage in no other activity that would require it to register or report.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Identified in Part B, Section 3 Date

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Employer's Typed Signature