

RENSSELAER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Generally. This Code of Ethics applies to both the members and the employees of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"). The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to promote honest and ethical conduct and compliance with the law.

2. Definitions. For purposes of this section, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise:

(a) "Agency" shall mean the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency.

(b) "employee" shall mean any employee of the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency.

3. Rule With Respect to Conflicts of Interest. No member or employee of the Agency should have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his duties in the public interest.

4. Standards.

(a) No member or employee of the Agency should accept other employment which will impair his independence of judgment in the exercise of his official duties.

(b) No member or employee of the Agency should accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require him to disclose confidential information which he has gained by reason of his official position or authority.

(c) No member or employee of the Agency should disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties nor use such information to further his personal interests.

(d) No member or employee of the Agency should use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others.

(e) No member or employee of the Agency should engage in any transaction as representative or agent of the Agency with any business entity in which he has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the proper discharge of his official duties.

(f) A member or employee of the Agency should not by his conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or unduly enjoy his favor in the performance of his official duties, or that he is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.

(g) A member or employee of the Agency should abstain from making personal investments in enterprises which he has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between his duty in the public interest and his private interest.

(h) A member or employee of the Agency should endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that he is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of his trust.

(i) No member or employee of the Agency employed on a full-time basis nor any firm or association of which such an officer or employee is a member nor corporation a substantial portion of the stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such officer or employee, should sell goods or services to any person, firm, corporation or association which is licensed or whose rates are fixed by the Agency.

(j) If any officer or employee of the Agency shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, having a value of ten thousand dollars or more in any activity which is subject to receiving benefits from the Agency, he should file with the members of the Agency a written statement that he has such a financial interest in such activity which statement shall be open to public inspection.

5. Violations. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law any such member or employee who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this section may be fined, suspended or removed from office or employment in the manner provided by law.

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