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RE: HB 1295

Gina:

In 2105, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 to the Government Code. The law states that a government entity may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity.

The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

My interpretation of this statute is that it only applies in these two specific situations. It does not apply to purchase orders or any bills that are approved by the commissioners court. Every vendor does not have a "contract" with the county, as such these vendor's extend credit and goods and are paid back, this does not constitute a contract.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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