

2016 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Anna Edwards

FINDING(S)

Anna Edwards failed to complete her required lobbyist training (See Training section).

EMPLOYER(S)

- BrightBytes, Inc.

REGISTRATION(S)

Ms. Edwards registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2016. Based on the audit documentation, Ms. Edwards timely registered her lobbying relationship with her employer and paid all registration fees.

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Ms. Edwards, she was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of the contracts appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Ms. Edwards reported she had no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING

According to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Ms. Edwards did not complete her required lobbyist training for the 2016 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. When a lobbyist completes the training online, the system records the training on the web-based system. If the lobbyist attends the legislative ethics training, their name is recorded at the training event and then the computer is marked to show training occurred. Based on the review of the system records Ms. Edwards did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2016. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records indicate Ms. Edwards paid all training fees.