

## **2020 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Wil Richardson**

### **FINDING(S)**

- 1. Wil Richardson failed to timely register for four employers.**

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- Home Builders Association of TN
- Meramec Specialty Company
- Next Generation Underwriters
- West Tennessee Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Wil Richardson works for a firm which contracts to provide lobbying services for several clients. Wil Richardson registered as a lobbyist for four employers during 2020. Based on the audit documentation, all lobbying relationships appear to have been registered late. The details of these registrations are in the subsequent paragraphs.

#### **Home Builders Association of TN**

The firm contracted with Home Builders Association of TN for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2019. The contract for 2019 appears to continue a lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2019. Wil Richardson appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement of the 2020 year. The lobbyist registered for the client on January 22, 2020, 14 days late.

#### **Meramec Specialty Company**

The firm contracted with Meramec Specialty Company for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2019. The contract for 2019 appears to continue a lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2019. Wil Richardson appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement of the 2020 year. The lobbyist for the client on January 22, 2020, 14 days late.

#### **Next Generation Underwriters**

The firm contracted with Next Generation Underwriters for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2019. The contract for 2019 appears to continue a lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2019. Wil Richardson appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement of the 2020 year. The lobbyist for the client on February 3, 2020, 26 days late.

### **West Tennessee Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.**

The firm contracted with West Tennessee Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2019. The contract for 2019 appears to continue a lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2019. Wil Richardson appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement of the 2020 year. The lobbyist did not register until January 29, 2020, 21 days late.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Wil Richardson paid all registration fees

### **LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)**

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided, Wil Richardson was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had written contracts 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**

Wil Richardson reported no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

### **TRAINING**

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Wil Richardson completed required lobbyist training for the 2020 registration year and paid all training fees.