



**CITY OF CHICAGO**  
**ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and AFFIDAVIT**  
**Related to Contract/Amendment/Solicitation**  
**EDS # 15810**

**SECTION I -- GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. Legal name of Disclosing Party submitting the EDS:

Johnson Research Group

Enter d/b/a if applicable:

The Disclosing Party submitting this EDS is:

the Applicant

B. Business address of Disclosing Party:

343 S. Dearborn  
Suite 404  
Chicago, IL 60604  
United States

C. Telephone:

312-235-0130

Fax:

312-235-0131

D. Name of contact person:

Ms. Charmain B. Later

F. Brief description of contract, transaction or other undertaking (referred to below as the "Matter") to which this EDS pertains:

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) CONSULTING SERVICES, CATEGORY 1: TIF  
DISTRICT DESIGNATION & SUPPORT AND CATEGORY 2: ASSISTANCE AND  
SUPPORT FOR TIF ASSISTED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Which City agency or department is requesting this EDS?

DEPT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Specification Number

39764

Contract (PO) Number

13267

Revision Number

Release Number

User Department Project Number

## **SECTION II -- DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS**

### **A. NATURE OF DISCLOSING PARTY**

1. Indicate the nature of the Disclosing Party:

Privately held business corporation

Is the Disclosing Party incorporated or organized in the State of Illinois?

Yes

### **B. DISCLOSING PARTY IS A LEGAL ENTITY:**

1.a.1 Does the Disclosing Party have any directors?

No

1.a.3 List below the full names and titles of all executive officers and all directors, if any, of the entity. Do not include any directors who have no power to select the entity's officers.

**Officer/Director:** Mr. Ronald C. Johnson  
**Title:** President  
**Role:** Officer  
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## 2. Ownership Information

Please provide ownership information concerning each person or entity that holds, or is anticipated to hold (see next paragraph), a direct or indirect beneficial interest in excess of null% of the Applicant. Examples of such an interest include shares in a corporation, partnership interest in a partnership or joint venture, interest of a member or manager in a limited liability company, or interest of a beneficiary of a trust, estate, or other similar entity. Note: Each legal entity below may be required to submit an EDS on its own behalf.

Please disclose present owners below. Please disclose anticipated owners in an attachment submitted through the "Additional Info" tab. "Anticipated owner" means an individual or entity in existence at the time application for City action is made, which is not an applicant or owner at such time, but which the applicant expects to assume a legal status, within six months of the time the City action occurs, that would render such individual or entity an applicant or owner if they had held such legal status at the time application was made.

- Mr. Ronald C. Johnson - 100.0%

### Owner Details

Name	Business Address
Mr. Ronald C. Johnson	343 S. Dearborn Suite 404 Chicago, IL 60604 United States

## SECTION III -- BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Has the Disclosing Party had a "business relationship," as defined in [Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code](#), with any City elected official in the 12 months before the date this EDS is signed?

No

## SECTION IV -- DISCLOSURE OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND OTHER RETAINED PARTIES

The Disclosing Party must disclose the name and business address of each subcontractor, attorney, lobbyist, accountant, consultant and any other person or entity whom the Disclosing Party has retained or expects to retain in connection with the Matter, as well as the nature of the relationship, and the total amount of the fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Disclosing Party is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the Disclosing Party's regular payroll.

"Lobbyist" means any person or entity who undertakes to influence any legislative or administrative action on behalf of any person or entity other than: (1) a not-for-profit entity, on an unpaid basis, or (2) himself. "Lobbyist" also means any person or entity any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action.

If the Disclosing Party is uncertain whether a disclosure is required under this Section, the Disclosing Party must either ask the City whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.

1. Has the Disclosing Party retained any legal entities in connection with the Matter?

Yes

2. List below the names of all legal entities which are retained parties.

<b>Name:</b>	ERS Enterprises
<b>Anticipated/Retained:</b>	Retained
<b>Business Address:</b>	100 N. LaSalle Suite 1500 Chicago, IL 60602 United States
<b>Relationship:</b>	Subcontractor - MWDBE
<b>Fees:</b>	\$180,396
<b>Estimated/Paid:</b>	Paid

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<b>Name:</b>	Prado & Renteria
<b>Anticipated/Retained:</b>	Anticipated
<b>Business Address:</b>	1837 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60616 United States
<b>Relationship:</b>	Subcontractor - MWDBE
<b>Fees:</b>	\$20,000
<b>Estimated/Paid:</b>	Estimated

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**Name:** Polk Consulting  
**Anticipated/Retained:** Anticipated  
**Business Address:** 313 E.171st Street  
South Holland, IN United States  
**Relationship:** Subcontractor - non MWDBE  
**Fees:** \$3500  
**Estimated/Paid:** Estimated

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**Name:** Land Surveying Service  
**Anticipated/Retained:** Retained  
**Business Address:** 574 W. Colfax Street  
Palatine, IL United States  
**Relationship:** Subcontractor - MWDBE  
**Fees:** \$5000  
**Estimated/Paid:** Paid

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**Name:** Print Express  
**Anticipated/Retained:** Retained  
**Business Address:** 311 S. Wacker  
Chicago, IL 60067 United States  
**Relationship:** Subcontractor - MWDBE  
**Fees:** \$112.40  
**Estimated/Paid:** Paid

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**Name:** Noitam, Inc.  
**Anticipated/Retained:** Retained  
**Business Address:** 100 N. LaSalle Street  
Suite 1515  
Chicago, IL 60602 United States  
**Relationship:** Subcontractor - MWDBE  
**Fees:** \$37,422  
**Estimated/Paid:** Paid

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3. Has the Disclosing Party retained any persons in connection with the Matter?

No

## SECTION V -- CERTIFICATIONS

### A. COURT-ORDERED CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE

Under [Municipal Code Section 2-92-415](#), substantial owners of business entities that contract with the City must remain in compliance with their child support obligations throughout the term of the contract.

Has any person who directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of the Disclosing Party been declared in arrearage of any child support obligations by any Illinois court of competent jurisdiction?

No

## B. FURTHER CERTIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 1-23, Article I ("Article I")(which the Applicant should consult for defined terms (e.g., "doing business") and legal requirements), if the Disclosing Party submitting this EDS is the Applicant and is doing business with the City, then the Disclosing Party certifies as follows: (i) neither the Applicant nor any controlling person is currently indicted or charged with, or has admitted guilt of, or has ever been convicted of, or placed under supervision for, any criminal offense involving actual, attempted, or conspiracy to commit bribery, theft, fraud, forgery, perjury, dishonesty or deceit against an officer or employee of the City or any sister agency; and (ii) the Applicant understands and acknowledges that compliance with Article I is a continuing requirement for doing business with the City. NOTE: If Article I applies to the Applicant, the permanent compliance timeframe in Article I supersedes some five-year compliance timeframes in certifications 1 and 2 below.

1. The Disclosing Party and, if the Disclosing Party is a legal entity, all of those persons or entities identified in Section II.B.1. of this EDS:

- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from any transactions by any federal, state or local unit of government;
- b. have not, within a five-year period preceding the date of this EDS, been convicted of a criminal offense, adjudged guilty, or had a civil judgment rendered against them in connection with: obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; a violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; fraud; embezzlement; theft; forgery; bribery; falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- c. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in clause B.1.b. of this Section V;
- d. have not, within a five-year period preceding the date of this EDS, had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- e. have not, within a five-year period preceding the date of this EDS, been convicted, adjudged guilty, or found liable in a civil proceeding, or in any criminal or civil

action, including actions concerning environmental violations, instituted by the City or by the federal government, any state, or any other unit of local government.

I certify the above to be true

2. Neither the Disclosing Party, nor any [Applicable Party](#), nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) of either the Disclosing Party or any [Applicable Party](#) nor any [Agents](#) have, during the five years before the date this EDS is signed, or, with respect to an [Applicable Party](#), an [Affiliated Entity](#), or an [Affiliated Entity](#) of an [Applicable Party](#) during the five years before the date of such [Applicable Party's](#) or [Affiliated Entity's](#) contract or engagement in connection with the Matter:

- bribed or attempted to bribe, or been convicted or adjudged guilty of bribery or attempting to bribe, a public officer or employee of the City, the State of Illinois, or any agency of the federal government or of any state or local government in the United States of America, in that officer's or employee's official capacity;
- agreed or colluded with other bidders or prospective bidders, or been a party to any such agreement, or been convicted or adjudged guilty of agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders, in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price or otherwise; or
- made an admission of such conduct described in a. or b. above that is a matter of record, but have not been prosecuted for such conduct; or
- violated the provisions of [Municipal Code Section 2-92-610 \(Living Wage Ordinance\)](#).

I certify the above to be true

3. Neither the Disclosing Party, [Affiliated Entity](#) or [Applicable Party](#), or any of their employees, officials, [agents](#) or partners, is barred from contracting with any unit of state or local government as a result of engaging in or being convicted of

- bid-rigging in violation of [720 ILCS 5/33E-3](#);
- bid-rotating in violation of [720 ILCS 5/33E-4](#); or
- any similar offense of any state or of the United States of America that contains the same elements as the offense of bid-rigging or bid-rotating.

I certify the above to be true

4. Neither the Disclosing Party nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) is listed on any of the following lists maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the Bureau of Industry and Security of the U.S. Department of Commerce or their successors: the [Specially Designated Nationals List](#), the [Denied Persons List](#), the [Unverified List](#), the [Entity List](#) and the [Debarred List](#).

I certify the above to be true

5. The Disclosing Party understands and shall comply with (1) the applicable requirements of the Governmental Ethics Ordinance of the City, [Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code](#); and (2) all the applicable provisions of [Chapter 2-56 of the Municipal Code \(Office of the Inspector General\)](#).

I certify the above to be true

#### C. CERTIFICATION OF STATUS AS FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

For purposes of this Part C, under [Municipal Code Section 2-32-455\(b\)](#), the term "financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan association, thrift, credit union, mortgage banker, mortgage broker, trust company, savings bank, investment bank, securities broker, municipal securities broker, securities dealer, municipal securities dealer, securities underwriter, municipal securities underwriter, investment trust, venture capital company, bank holding company, financial services holding company, or any licensee under the [Municipal Code Section 2-32-455\(b\)](#).)

The Disclosing Party certifies that, as defined in [Section 2-32-455\(b\) of the Municipal Code](#), the Disclosing Party

is not a "financial institution"

#### D. CERTIFICATION REGARDING INTEREST IN CITY BUSINESS

Any words or terms that are defined in [Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code](#) have the same meanings when used in this Part D.

1. In accordance with [Section 2-156-110 of the Municipal Code](#): Does any official or employee of the City have a financial interest in his or her own name or in the name of any other person or entity in the Matter?

No

#### E. CERTIFICATION REGARDING SLAVERY ERA BUSINESS

The Disclosing Party has searched any and all records of the Disclosing Party and any and all predecessor entities for records of investments or profits from slavery, the slave industry, or slaveholder insurance policies from the slavery era (including insurance policies issued to slaveholders that provided coverage for damage to or injury or death of their slaves) and has disclosed in this EDS any and all such records to the City. In addition, the Disclosing Party must disclose the names of any and all slaves or slaveholders described in those records. Failure to comply with these disclosure requirements may make the Matter to which this EDS pertains voidable by the City.

The Disclosing Party verifies that

- the Disclosing Party has searched any and all records of the Disclosing Party and any and all predecessor entities for records of investments or profits from slavery, the slave industry, or slaveholder insurance policies, and
- the Disclosing Party has found no records of investments or profits from slavery, the slave industry, or slaveholder insurance policies and no records of names of any slaves or slaveholders.

I can make the above verification

## **SECTION VI -- CERTIFICATIONS FOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED MATTERS**

Is the Matter federally funded?

No

## **SECTION VII -- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, CONTRACT INCORPORATION, COMPLIANCE, PENALTIES, DISCLOSURE**

The Disclosing Party understands and agrees that:

- A. By completing and filing this EDS, the Disclosing Party acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself and the persons or entities named in this EDS, that the City may investigate the creditworthiness of some or all of the persons or entities named in this EDS.
- B. The certifications, disclosures, and acknowledgments contained in this EDS will become part of any contract or other agreement between the Applicant and the City in connection with the Matter, whether procurement, City assistance, or other City action, and are material inducements to the City's execution of any contract or taking other action with respect to the Matter. The Disclosing Party understands that it must comply with all statutes, ordinances, and regulations on which this EDS is based.
- C. The City's Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances, [Chapters 2-156](#) and [2-164](#) of the Municipal Code, impose certain duties and obligations on persons or entities seeking City contracts, work, business, or transactions. A training program is available on line at [www.cityofchicago.org/Ethics](http://www.cityofchicago.org/Ethics), and may also be obtained from the City's Board of Ethics, 740 N. Sedgwick St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60610, (312) 744-9660. The Disclosing Party must comply fully with the applicable ordinances.

I acknowledge and consent to the above

The Disclosing Party understands and agrees that:

- D. If the City determines that any information provided in this EDS is false, incomplete or inaccurate, any contract or other agreement in connection with which it is submitted may be rescinded or be void or voidable, and the City may pursue any remedies under the contract or agreement (if not rescinded, void or voidable), at law, or in equity, including terminating the Disclosing Party's participation in the Matter and/or declining to allow the Disclosing Party to participate in other transactions with the City. Remedies at law for a false statement of material fact may include incarceration and an award to the City of treble damages.
- E. It is the City's policy to make this document available to the public on its Internet site and/or upon request. Some or all of the information provided on this EDS and any attachments to this EDS may be made available to the public on the Internet, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, or otherwise. By completing and signing this EDS, the Disclosing Party waives and releases any possible rights or claims which it may have against the City in connection with the public release of information contained in this EDS and also authorizes the City to verify the accuracy of any information submitted in this EDS.
- F. The information provided in this EDS must be kept current. In the event of changes, the Disclosing Party must supplement this EDS up to the time the City takes action on the Matter. If the Matter is a contract being handled by the City's Department of Procurement Services, the Disclosing Party must update this EDS as the contract requires.

I acknowledge and consent to the above

The Disclosing Party represents and warrants that:

- G. The Disclosing Party has not withheld or reserved any disclosures as to economic interests in the Disclosing Party, or as to the Matter, or any information, data or plan as to the intended use or purpose for which the Applicant seeks City Council or other City agency action.

I acknowledge and consent to the above

H.1. The Disclosing Party is not delinquent in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, nor are the Disclosing Party or its affiliates delinquent in paying any fine, fee, tax or other charge owed to the City. This includes, but is not limited to, all water charges, sewer charges, license fees, parking tickets, property taxes or sales taxes.

I certify the above to be true

H.2 If the Disclosing Party is the Applicant, the Disclosing Party and its [affiliates](#) will not use, nor permit their subcontractors to use, any facility on the [U.S. EPA's List of Violating Facilities](#) in connection with the Matter for the duration of time that such facility remains on the list.

I certify the above to be true

H.3 If the Disclosing Party is the Applicant, the Disclosing Party will obtain from any contractors/subcontractors hired or to be hired in connection with the Matter certifications equal in form and substance to those in H.1. and H.2. above and will not, without the prior written consent of the City, use any such contractor/subcontractor that does not provide such certifications or that the Disclosing Party has reason to believe has not provided or cannot provide truthful certifications.

I certify the above to be true

## **SECTION VIII - - ADDITIONAL INFO**

Please add any additional explanatory information here. If needed, you may add attachments below.

### **FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

This question is to be completed only by (a) the Applicant, and (b) any legal entity which has a direct ownership interest in the Applicant exceeding 7.5 percent. It is not to be completed by any legal entity which has only an indirect ownership interest in the Applicant.

Under [Municipal Code Section 2-154-015](#), the Disclosing Party must disclose whether such Disclosing Party or any "Applicable Party" or any Spouse or Domestic Partner thereof currently has a "familial relationship" with any elected city official or department head. A "familial relationship" exists if, as of the date this EDS is signed, the Disclosing Party or any "Applicable Party" or any Spouse or Domestic Partner thereof is related to the mayor, any alderman, the city clerk, the city treasurer or any city department head as spouse or domestic partner or as any of the following, whether by blood or adoption: parent, child, brother or sister, aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather or stepmother, stepson or stepdaughter, stepbrother or stepsister or half-brother or half-sister.

"Applicable Party" means (1) all corporate officers of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a corporation; all partners of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a general partnership; all general partners and limited partners of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a limited partnership; all managers, managing members and members of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a limited liability company; (2) all principal officers of the Disclosing Party; and (3) any person having more than a 7.5 percent ownership interest in the Disclosing Party. "Principal officers" means the president, chief operating officer, executive director, chief financial officer, treasurer or secretary of a legal entity or any person exercising similar authority.

Does the Disclosing Party or any "Applicable Party" or any Spouse or Domestic Partner thereof currently have a "familial relationship" with an elected city official or department head?

No

List of vendor attachments uploaded by City staff

None.

List of attachments uploaded by vendor

None.

## **CERTIFICATION**

Under penalty of perjury, the person signing below: (1) warrants that he/she is authorized to execute this EDS, and all applicable appendices, on behalf of the Disclosing Party, and (2) warrants that all certifications and statements contained in this EDS, and all applicable appendices, are true, accurate and complete as of the date furnished to the City. Submission of this form constitutes making the oath associated with notarization.

/s/ 04/20/2011

Ms. Charmain B. Later

Project Manager

Johnson Research Group

This is a printed copy of the Economic Disclosure Statement, the original of which is filed electronically with the City of Chicago. Any alterations must be made electronically, alterations on this printed copy are void and of no effect.