



CITY OF CHICAGO
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and AFFIDAVIT
Related to Contract/Amendment/Solicitation
EDS # 163709

SECTION I -- GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Legal name of the Disclosing Party submitting the EDS:

A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc.

Enter d/b/a if applicable:

The Disclosing Party submitting this EDS is:

a legal entity currently holding an interest in the Applicant

The Disclosing Party holds an interest in

B. Business address of the Disclosing Party:

600 West Fulton Street
9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60661-1253
United States

C. Telephone:

312-429-8048

Fax:

312-559-1217

D. Name of contact person:

Mr. Noel Abbott

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

PROFESSIONAL TASK ORDER SERVICES: GROUP B) AIRPORT ENGINEERING (NON-FEDERAL)

G. Which City agency or department is requesting this EDS?

DEPT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Specification Number

98030

Contract (PO) Number

26637

Revision Number

6

Release Number

0

User Department Project Number

SECTION II -- DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS

A. NATURE OF THE DISCLOSING PARTY

1. Indicate the nature of the Disclosing Party:

ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan)

1.a.7 Is the trustee, executor, administrator or similarly situated party an individual?

Yes

1.a.8 List the individual who is the trustee, executor, administrator or similarly situated party. Don't include any legal entities in this answer; these will be named later:

Name: Mr. Jeffery Scholl
Business Address: GreatBanc Trust Company
801 W Warrenville Rd

Suite 500
Lisle, 60532 United States

1.a.9 Are there any legal entities who are trustees, executors, administrators or similarly situated parties?

Yes

1.a.10 List the legal entities who are trustees, executors, administrators or similarly situated parties.

Name: A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc. Employees' Stock
Ownership Trust, GreatBanc Trust Company as Trustee
Business Address: 801 Warrenville Rd
Suite 500
Lisle, 60532 United States

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 7.5% 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.

There are no owners with greater than 7.5 percent ownership in the Disclosing Party.

SECTION III -- INCOME OR COMPENSATION TO, OR OWNERSHIP BY, CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

A. Has the Disclosing Party provided any income or compensation to any City elected official during the 12-month period preceding the date of this EDS?

No

B. Does the Disclosing Party reasonably expect to provide any income or compensation to any City elected official during the 12-month period following the date of this EDS?

No

D. Does any City elected official or, to the best of the Disclosing Party's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, any City elected official's spouse or domestic partner, have a financial interest (as defined in [Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code](#) ("MCC")) in the Disclosing Party?

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 (as defined in [MCC Chapter 2-156](#)), 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.

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 or does it anticipate retaining any legal entities in connection with the Matter?

Yes

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

Name:	ABNA Engineering
Anticipated/Retained:	Anticipated
Business Address:	9901 S Western Ave #1 Chicago, IL 60643 United States
Relationship:	Subcontractor - non MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %):	1.73%
Estimated/Paid:	Estimated

Name: ADO Engineering
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 752 Lakeridge Drive
South Elgin, IL 60177 United States
Relationship: Subcontractor - non MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %): 2.69%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: American Surveying & Engineering, LLC
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 150 N. Wacker Drive
Suite 2650
Chicago, IL 60606 United States
Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %): 6.84%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: B+A Engineers, Ltd., DBA CCJM Engineers, Ltd.
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 303 E. Wacker Drive
Suite 303
Chicago, IL 60601 United States
Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %): 5.05%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT)
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 125 S Wacker Dr
Suite 2880
Chicago, IL 60606 United States
Relationship: Subcontractor - non MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %): 5.25%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Cathodic Protection Management

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 39W960 Midan Drive
Elburn, IL 60119 United States
Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %): 0.70%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Cushing & Co.
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 213 W. Institute Pl.
2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60610 United States
Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %): 1.02%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Globetrotters Engineering Corporation
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 300 S. Wacker Dr.
Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60606 United States
Relationship:
Fees (\$\$ or %): 1.52%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Graef Engineering
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated
Business Address: 8501 W. Higgins Road
Suite 280
Chicago, IL 60631 United States
Relationship: Subcontractor - non MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %): 0.95%
Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: GSG Consultants
Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 623 Cooper Court
Schaumburg, IL 60173 United States

Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE

Fees
(\$\$ or %): 0.27%

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Hydro-Thermo-Power, Inc.

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 225 N. Michigan Avenue
Suite 2306
Chicago, IL 60601 United States

Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE

Fees
(\$\$ or %): 2.06%

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Jones Moore Construction & Consulting LLC

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 180 N. Michigan Avenue
Suite 2407
Chicago, IL 60601 United States

Relationship:

Fees
(\$\$ or %): 9.97%

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: O'Brien & Associates, Inc.

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 766 W. Algonquin Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005 United States

Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE

Fees
(\$\$ or %): 1.88%

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Petrea Collaborative

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 440 S Kenilworth Ave.
Apt 2S

Oak Park, IL 60302-3836 United States

Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE

Fees 1.22

(\$\$ or %):

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Rubinos & Mesia Engineers, Inc. DBA RME

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 200 S. Michigan Avenue
Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60604 United States

Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE

Fees 0.38%

(\$\$ or %):

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: SPAAN Tech, Inc.

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 311 S. Wacker Drive
Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60606 United States

Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE

Fees 0.15%

(\$\$ or %):

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Terra Engineering, Ltd.

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 225 W. Ohio Street
4th Floor
Chicago, IL 60654 United States

Relationship: Subcontractor - MWDBE

Fees 0.07%

(\$\$ or %):

Estimated/Paid: Estimated

Name: Work Zone Safety, Inc.

Anticipated/Retained: Anticipated

Business Address: 17051 Gaylord Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403 United States

Relationship:	Subcontractor - MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %):	0.24%
Estimated/Paid:	Estimated

Name:	J. A. Watts, Inc.
Anticipated/Retained:	Anticipated
Business Address:	940 W. Adams Street Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60607 United States
Relationship:	Subcontractor - MWDBE
Fees (\$\$ or %):	0.24%
Estimated/Paid:	Estimated

3. Has the Disclosing Party retained or does it anticipate retaining any persons in connection with the Matter?

No

SECTION V -- CERTIFICATIONS

A. COURT-ORDERED CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE

Under [MCC 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 contract's term.

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?

Not applicable because no person directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of the Disclosing Party

B. FURTHER CERTIFICATIONS

1. [This certification applies only if the Matter is a contract being handled by the City's Department of Procurement Services.] In the 5-year period preceding the date of this EDS, neither the Disclosing Party nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) has engaged, in connection with the performance of any public contract, the services of an integrity monitor, independent private sector inspector general, or integrity compliance consultant (i.e. an individual or entity with legal, auditing, investigative, or other similar skills, designated by

a public agency to help the agency monitor the activity of specified agency vendors as well as help the vendors reform their business practices so they can be considered for agency contracts in the future, or continue with a contract in progress).

I certify the above to be true

2. The Disclosing Party and its Affiliated Entities are not delinquent in the payment of any fine, fee, tax or other source of indebtedness owed to the City of Chicago, including, but not limited to, water and sewer charges, license fees, parking tickets, property taxes and sales taxes, nor is the Disclosing Party delinquent in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

I certify the above to be true

3. 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, during the 5 years before 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 criminally or civilly charged by, a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with committing any of the offenses set forth in subparagraph (b) above;
- d. have not, during the 5 years before the date of this EDS, had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- e. have not, during the 5 years before 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

4. The Disclosing Party understands and shall comply with the applicable requirements of MCC [Chapter 2-56 \(Inspector General\)](#) and [Chapter 2-156 \(Governmental Ethics\)](#).

I certify the above to be true

5. Neither the Disclosing Party, nor any [Contractor](#), nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) of either the Disclosing Party or any [Contractor](#), nor any [Agents](#) have, during the 5 years

before the date of this EDS, or, with respect to a [Contractor](#), an [Affiliated Entity](#), or an [Affiliated Entity](#) of a [Contractor](#) during the 5 years before the date of such [Contractor's](#) or [Affiliated Entity's](#) contract or engagement in connection with the Matter:

- a. 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;
- b. 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
- c. made an admission of such conduct described in subparagraph (a) or (b) above that is a matter of record, but have not been prosecuted for such conduct; or
- d. violated the provisions referenced in [MCC Subsection 2-92-320\(a\)\(4\)\(Contracts Requiring a Base Wage\)](#); [\(a\)\(5\)\(Debarment Regulations\)](#); or [\(a\)\(6\)\(Minimum Wage Ordinance\)](#).

I certify the above to be true

6. Neither the Disclosing Party, nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) or [Contractor](#), 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

7. Neither the Disclosing Party nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) is listed on a Sanctions List maintained by the United States Department of Commerce, State, or Treasury, or any successor federal agency.

I certify the above to be true

8. [FOR APPLICANT ONLY]

- i. Neither the Applicant nor any "controlling person" [[see MCC Chapter 1-23, Article I](#) for applicability and defined terms] of the Applicant 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 [MCC Chapter 1-23, Article I](#) applies to the Applicant, that Article's permanent compliance timeframe supersedes 5-year compliance timeframes in this Section V.

I certify the above to be true

- 9. [FOR APPLICANT ONLY] The Applicant and its Affiliated Entities will not use, nor permit their subcontractors to use, any facility listed as having an active exclusion by the U.S. EPA on the [federal System for Award Management](#) ("SAM")

I certify the above to be true

- 10. [FOR APPLICANT ONLY] The Applicant 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 Certifications (2) and (9) 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 Applicant has reason to believe has not provided or cannot provide truthful certifications.

I certify the above to be true

- 11. To the best of the Disclosing Party's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, the following is a complete list of all current employees of the Disclosing Party who were, at any time during the 12-month period preceding the date of this EDS, an employee, or elected or appointed official, of the City of Chicago.

None

- 12. To the best of the Disclosing Party's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, the following is a complete list of all gifts that the Disclosing Party has given or caused to be given, at any time during the 12-month period preceding the execution date of this EDS, to an employee, or elected or appointed official, of the City of Chicago. For purposes of this statement, a "gift" does not include: (i) anything made generally available to City employees or to the general public, or (ii) food or drink provided in the course of official City business and having a retail value of less than \$25 per recipient, or (iii) a political contribution otherwise duly reported as required by law.

None

C. CERTIFICATION OF STATUS AS FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

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

is not a "financial institution"

D. CERTIFICATION REGARDING FINANCIAL INTEREST IN CITY BUSINESS

Any words or terms defined in [MCC Chapter 2-156](#) have the same meanings if used in this Part D.

1. In accordance with [MCC Section 2-156-110](#): To the best of the Disclosing Party's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, 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

If the Disclosing Party cannot make this verification, the Disclosing Party must disclose all required information in the space provided below or in an attachment in the "Additional Info" tab. Failure to comply with these disclosure requirements may make any contract entered into with the City in connection with the Matter 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 regarding records of investments or profits from slavery or slaveholder insurance policies during the slavery era (including insurance policies issued to slaveholders that provided coverage for damage to or injury or death of their slaves), and the Disclosing Party has found no such records.

I can make the above verification

SECTION VI -- CERTIFICATIONS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED MATTERS

Is the Matter federally funded? For the purposes of this Section VI, tax credits allocated by the City and proceeds of debt obligations of the City are not federal funding.

No

SECTION VII - FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CERTIFICATION

The Disclosing Party understands and agrees that:

- A. 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.

- B. The City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance, [MCC Chapter 2-156](#), imposes certain duties and obligations on persons or entities seeking City contracts, work, business, or transactions. The full text of this ordinance and a training program is available on line at 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 this ordinance.

I acknowledge and consent to the above

The Disclosing Party understands and agrees that:

- C. 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 or void), 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 City transactions. Remedies at law for a false statement of material fact may include incarceration and an award to the City of treble damages.
- D. 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 in, and appended to, this EDS may be made publicly available 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.
- E. 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. NOTE: With respect to Matters subject to MCC [Chapter 1-23](#), Article I (imposing PERMANENT INELIGIBILITY for certain specified offenses), the information provided herein regarding eligibility must be kept current for a longer period, as required by [MCC Chapter 1-23](#) and [Section 2-154-020](#).

I acknowledge and consent to the above

APPENDIX A - FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

This Appendix 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%. It is not to be completed by any legal entity which has only an indirect ownership interest in the Applicant.

Under [MCC 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 executive officers of the Disclosing Party listed in Section II.B.1.a, 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% 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

APPENDIX B - BUILDING CODE SCOFFLAW/PROBLEM LANDLORD CERTIFICATION

This Appendix 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% (an "Owner"). It is not to be completed by any legal entity which has only an indirect ownership interest in the Applicant.

1. Pursuant to [MCC Section 2-154-010](#), is the Applicant or any Owner identified as a building code scofflaw or problem landlord pursuant to [MCC Section 2-92-416??](#)

No

ADDITIONAL INFO

Please add any additional explanatory information here. If explanation is longer than 1000 characters, you may add an attachment below. Please note that your EDS, including all attachments, becomes available for public viewing upon contract award. Your attachments will be viewable "as is" without manual redaction by the City. You are responsible for redacting any non-public information from your documents before uploading.

List of vendor attachments uploaded by City staff

None.

List of attachments uploaded by vendor

Epstein ESOP Ownership

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/ 06/28/2021

Mr. Noel Abbott

Vice President, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc.

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.



March 16, 2021

Mr. Jim Jirsa
A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc.
600 West Fulton Street
Chicago, IL 60661-1199

Re: Stock ownership

Dear Jim:

The A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc. Employees' Stock Ownership Trust holds 100% of the shares of A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc. currently outstanding. The participants in the Employees' Stock Ownership Plan have beneficial interests in the Trust. GreatBanc Trust Company acts as trustee of the Trust, but neither GreatBanc Trust Company, nor any of its affiliated entities, has any direct ownership of A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc. common shares. In addition, there are currently no participants in the Plan that have a 7.5% or greater interest in the Company. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffery Scholl', is written over the typed name.

Jeffery Scholl
Senior Vice President
GreatBanc Trust Company, Trustee not in its
Individual or corporate capacity but
solely as trustee of the A. Epstein & Son International, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership Trust