# LOBBYIST REGISTRATION POLICY

## PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX) that all individuals, firms or corporations employed or retained to influence a procurement matter, a decision by the Board or a decision or action by the Executive Director must complete and file a GMX Lobbyist Registration Form in accordance with this policy.

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. In accordance with Section 348.0305, F.S. "Lobbyist" shall be defined as person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, to lobby or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or entity to lobby on behalf of such person or entity. The term does not include a person who:

    a. Represents a client in a judicial proceeding or in a formal administrative proceeding before the agency.

    b. Is an officer or employee of any governmental entity acting in the normal course of his or her duties.

    c. Consults under contract with the agency and communicates with the agency regarding issues related to the scope of services in his or her contract.

    d. Is an expert witness who is retained or employed by an employer, principal, or client to provide only scientific, technical, or other specialized information provided in agenda materials or testimony only in public hearings, provided the expert identifies such employer, principal, or client at such hearing.

    e. Seeks to procure a contract that is less than $20,000 or a contract pursuant to Section 287.056, F.S.

2. At least 72-hours before approaching the Board or Executive Director to discuss a business matter, all Lobbyists are required to file a completed Lobbyist Disclosure Form for each company, contractor, consultant, vendor or any other business entity or interest for which the Lobbyist is petitioning the Board or Executive Director. The Lobbyist Disclosure Form must also specify the subject matter for which the Lobbyist is petitioning the Board or Executive Director.

3. The completed and fully executed Lobbyist Disclosure Form must be filed with the Board Secretary at least 72-hours before approaching the Board or Executive Director for discussion on any GMX business matter.

4. The Lobbyist Disclosure Forms are public records that will be made available on the GMX website under the "Doing Business with GMX" tab and under the "Lobbyist Registry."

5. The Lobbyist Registry shall disclose the name of the Lobbyist and the entity, person, firm, corporation, or association that has employed or retained a Lobbyist. It shall also disclose all dates on which the Lobbyist has appeared before a meeting of the Board or has met with the Executive Director.

6. Lobbyist Registry shall be created on the effective date of this policy and list all Lobbyist activity since January 1, 2015

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