



New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government Lobbyist Statement of Registration

Data Dictionary

Please note: The New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government ('COELIG') is referred to as the 'Commission'. The Lobbying Application is referred to as 'LA'. Due to the enormity of the datasets and to maintain the integrity of the data, in cases where a filer has entered more than one lobbying subject, itemized expense, lobbying focus, and/or parties lobbied, multiple rows of information can be attributed to a single filing. Please refer to the 'Form Submission ID' to determine how many rows of information account for a single filing.

Information regarding Reportable Business Relationships:

Principal Lobbyists may include any applicable Reportable Business Relationships ('RBR') when submitting a Registration. To minimize the file size of the dataset, RBR disclosures are provided in separate datasets.

Data Label	Data Type	Data Description
Form Submission ID	Numeric	Form Identifying number to help users distinguish how many rows of information are attributable to one distinct filing.
Biennial Period	Numeric	A Principal Lobbyist submits a Lobbyist Statement of Registration for a biennial (two-year) period. <i>Example:</i> 2021-2022, 2023-2024.
Filing Type	Text	Output options are: ' Original '; or ' Amendment '. Distinguishes between an original filing or an amended filing.
Principal Lobbyist Name	Text	Organization or individual name. An individual or organization that is retained to lobby for a client, or that is lobbying on its own behalf. The Principal Lobbyist is registered in LA for a biennial (two-year) period and is required to submit Bi-Monthly reports detailing the lobbying activities that occurred during each Bi-Monthly Reporting period.
Contractual Client Name	Text	Organization or individual name. The name of the individual or organization that retains the services of a Principal Lobbyist for the benefit of itself or another.

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Beneficial Client Name	Text	Organization or individual name. The specific individual or organization on whose behalf and at whose request or behest Lobbying Activity is conducted. Beneficial Clients are generally referred to as the ‘true client’ as they are directly benefiting from the lobbying activity. A Beneficial Client and Contractual Client can be, and often are, the same.
Co-Lobbyist	Text	Organization or individual name. All Lobbyists who are retained by a Client on the same single retainer agreement or contract are Co-Lobbyists, and must file individual Lobbying reports with the Commission.
Sub Lobbyist	Text	Organization or individual name. A Sub-Lobbyist is a Lobbyist who is engaged to perform services by another Lobbyist, as part of an agreement between the main Lobbyist and a Contractual Client. There are separate retainer agreements or contracts: one between the main Lobbyist and Client, and one between the main Lobbyist and Sub Lobbyist to do a portion of the lobbying that the main Lobbyist has agreed to perform on behalf of the Client.
Individual Lobbyists	Text	The first and last name of the individual(s) who personally engages in Direct or Grassroots Lobbying. Generally, these individuals either work for or are designated by the Principal Lobbyist and can include individuals lobbying on their own behalf.
Type of Lobbying Relationship	Text	Output options are: Employed or Retained. This describes the Type of Lobbying Relationship between the Principal Lobbyist and the Contractual Client. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Employed is selected, the Contractual Client and Principal Lobbyist are the same. An Employed designation is when an organization is lobbying on their own behalf. • If Retained is selected, a lobbying organization has been engaged to lobby for the benefit of an unaffiliated Contractual Client.
Level of Government	Text	Output options are: State, Municipal, or Both (State and Municipal).

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Description of Agreement	Text	<p>Output options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipate the \$5,000 threshold will be exceeded; • Do not anticipate exceeding the \$5,000 threshold; and • Pro Bono Lobbying Contract/Authorization. <p>Every Statement of Registration requires a lobbying agreement/authorization (or contract) be included that outlines the terms of the lobbying relationship between the Principal Lobbyist and the Contract Client.</p>
Reportable Compensation or Expense Information	Text	<p>Radio button selection related to the ‘Description of Agreement’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ‘Anticipate the \$5,000 threshold will be exceeded’ is selected, output options are: Reportable Expenses Only; or Reportable Compensation (and Expenses). • If ‘Do not anticipate exceeding the \$5,000 threshold’ is selected, output options are: Reportable Expenses Only; or Reportable Compensation (and Expenses). • If ‘Pro Bono Lobbying Contract/Authroization’ is selected, no reportable compensation and expenses is included.
Compensation Amount	Numeric	<p>Dollar amount. Only applicable if ‘Reportable Compensation (and Expenses) is selected as the ‘Description of the Agreement’. The amount of compensation expected to be paid to the Principal Lobbyist by the Contractual Client for lobbying services as reported in the lobbying agreement.</p>

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Compensation Type	Text	<p>Output selections include: Annually, Bi-weekly, Daily, Hourly, Monthly, One-time, Quarterly, Weekly, or Range. Data exception: If 'Range' is selected as 'Compensation Type' data will display as two compensation amounts separated by a hyphen. Example: 5000-6000</p> <p>Only applicable if 'Reportable Compensation (and Expenses)' is selected as the 'Description of the Agreement'.</p>
Contract Start Date	Text	<p>Date formatted mm/dd/yyyy. First date the Principal Lobbyist is authorized to lobby on behalf of the Contractual Client.</p>
Contract End Date	Text	<p>Date formatted mm/dd/yyyy. The date the lobbying agreement between the Principal Lobbyist and Contractual is expected to end. The date all lobbying activity ceases between the two parties.</p>
Lobbying Subjects	Text	<p>Filer selected information via a drop-down menu. Description of the general subject/issues expected to be lobbied on during the biennial period. Examples: Education – General; Energy & Natural Resources – Waste Management; Health – Medicine/ Medicaid.</p>

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Type of Lobbying Focus	Text	<p>Lobbying Activities include the Focus Type, an identifying number or description, and the targets of the lobbying for each Lobbying Activity reported. Lobbying Focuses are divided into State or Municipal Activities.</p> <p>State Lobbying Focuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Bill • State Executive Order • State Funding • State Land Use • State Permits/Licensing • State Procurement • State Regulation/Rate-making/Rule • State Resolution • State Tribal Compact Agreement – NYS Indian Nations <p>Municipal Lobbying Focuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Bill • Municipal Executive Order • Municipal Funding • Municipal Land Use, • Municipal Ordinance • Municipal Permits/Licensing • Municipal Procurement • Municipal Rule/Regulation/Ratemaking/Rule • Municipal Resolution <p>A filer also has the option to select 'Unknown' for the Lobbying focus; however, a description must be included.</p>
Focus Identifying Number/Description	Text	May include either an identifying number or description of the Lobbying Focus.
Type of Lobbying Communication	Text	<p>Output options are: Direct Lobbying, Grassroots Lobbying, Both (Direct and Grassroots). Distinguishes how attempts to influence the specific Lobbying Focus is expected to be conducted. If 'Monitoring Only' is selected, no Parties Lobbied will be affiliated to that specific Lobbying Focus (Lobbying Activity).</p>

Data Label	Data Type	Data Description
<p>Government Body</p>	<p>Text</p>	<p>Every 'Party' listed in the LA Database contains two components: the 'Government Body' and the main 'Party' name. Every 'Party' name is categorized into specific Government Bodies. Below is a list of all government bodies represented in LA available for the Registration.</p> <p>LA will automatically identify the Government Body associated to a Party Name. Filers may be required to identify additional information related to a selected Party Name. Output options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senate/Assembly/Executive <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Not Known at this Time 2. Senate Committee 3. Assembly Committee 4. City 5. County 6. Executive Chamber 7. Industrial Development Agency 8. NYS Assembly 9. NYS Indian Nations 10. NYS Legislature 11. NYS School Districts 12. NYS Senate 13. Senate Committee 14. State Agency 15. State and Local Public Authorities and Local Development Corporations 16. Town 17. VillageImprovement/Special Districts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. County Special District b. Town Special District c. Consolidated Health District d. Fire District e. Independent Special District

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Party Name	Text	<p>The 'targets' of lobbying activity. The people and/or entities Filers are attempting to influence. Parties Lobbied are selected from a drop-down list .</p> <p>The LA Database includes a list of 'Party Names' that, if selected, do not require any additional information from the Filer. This includes, but is not limited to, the names of every State Legislator and Legislative Committee (and 'staff member' of every such Legislator and Committee), the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Executive Chamber, and New York City Council Members.</p>
RBR Submitted	Text	<p>Output options are: Yes or No. Reportable Business Relationship is included as part of the Lobbyist Statement of Registration; however, data related to the disclosure has been isolated to a separate dataset.</p>