

## Lobbyist and State Contractor Contribution Bans

Connecticut General Statutes § 9-704 (c) provides in part that contributions from 1) communicator lobbyist; 2) members of the immediate family of a communicator lobbyist; or 3) principals of a state contractors or prospective state contractors **shall not be deemed to be qualifying contributions** and shall be returned by the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee to the contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund.

Connecticut General Statutes § 9-612 (g) (2) (B) provides in part that no **state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor**, with regard to a state contract or a state contract solicitation with or from the General Assembly or a *holder, or principal of a holder, of a valid prequalification certificate*, shall make a contribution to an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of **state senator or state representative**.

Connecticut General Statutes § 9-610 (g) provides in part that no **communicator lobbyist or member of the immediate family of a communicator lobbyist** shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of an exploratory committee or a candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the State, **state senator or state representative**.

### Definition of Terms

**“State contract”**: an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. “State contract” does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan or a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes. *See* General Statutes § 9-612 (g) (1) (C).

**“State contractor”**: a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. “State contractor” does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person’s capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee. *See* General Statutes § 9-612 (g) (1) (D).

**“Prospective state contractor”**: a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. “Prospective state contractor” does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person’s capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee. *See* General Statutes § 9-612 (g) (1) (E).

**“Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor”**: (i) an individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract, or (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv). *See* General Statutes § 9-612 (g) (1) (F), as amended by P.A. 07-01.

**“Communicator Lobbyist”**: an individual or entity that is registered with the Office of State Ethics and the term “communicator lobbyist” is defined by Section 1-91 of the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists. A “communicator lobbyist” receives or agrees to receive two thousand dollars or more in a calendar year for lobbying. *See* General Statutes § 1-91 (l) & (v).

**“Immediate family”**: The spouse or a dependent child of an individual. *See* General Statutes § 9-601 (24). Please note, “spouse” as used above includes partners to a civil union pursuant to General Statutes § 46b-38aa, *et al.*

**“Dependent Child”**: a child residing in an individual’s household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax return of such individual. *See* General Statutes § 9-612 (g) (1) (G).