

## INSTRUCTIONS – SCHEDULES A-1 AND A-2 INVESTMENTS

“Investment” means any financial interest in any business entity located in or doing business in your agency’s jurisdiction (see Appendix-8) in which you, your spouse, or your dependent children had a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest totaling \$2,000 or more at any time during the reporting period.

### Reportable investments include:

- Stocks, bonds, warrants, and options, including those held in margin or brokerage accounts.
- Sole proprietorships.
- Your own business or your spouse’s business (see Appendix-5 for the definition of business entity).
- Partnerships, such as a law firm, family farm, etc.
- Investments in reportable business entities held in a retirement account (see Appendix-9).
- Investments held by a business entity or trust (including a living trust) in which you, your spouse, or dependent children had a 10% or greater ownership interest.
- Business trusts.

### You are not required to disclose:

- Diversified mutual funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- Bank accounts, savings accounts, and money market accounts.
- Insurance policies.
- Annuities.
- Shares in a credit union.
- Government bonds (including municipal bonds).
- Retirement accounts invested in non-reportable interests such as insurance policies, diversified mutual funds, or government bonds (see Appendix-9).
- Defined benefit pension plans and profit sharing plans qualified under Internal Revenue Code section 401(a).
- Interests held in a blind trust (see Appendix-10).

### REMINDERS

- ✓ Do you know your agency’s jurisdiction?
- ✓ Did you hold investments at any time during the period covered by this statement?
- ✓ Code filers – Your disclosure categories may require disclosure only of specific investments.

**Use Schedule A-1** to report investments if your ownership interest in the entity was less than 10%, such as stock. You also may be required to complete Schedule C.

**Use Schedule A-2** to report investments in which your ownership interest in the entity was 10% or greater, such as a sole proprietorship.

### TO COMPLETE SCHEDULE A-1:

- Disclose the name of the business entity.
- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity, such as pharmaceuticals, computers, automobile manufacturing, communications, etc.
- Check the box indicating the fair market value of your investment. The fair market value is how much your investment was worth on the open market at its highest value during the reporting period.
- Identify the nature of your investment, such as stocks, warrants, options, bonds.
- If you acquired or disposed of your investment interest during the reporting period, enter the date acquired or disposed.

### Examples:

John Smith is a manager for a state agency. His conflict-of-interest code requires full disclosure of investments. John must disclose his stock holdings of \$2,000 or more in any company that does business in California as well as those stocks held by his spouse and dependent children.

Susan Jones is a city council member. She has a 4% interest, worth \$5,000, in a limited partnership located in the city. Susan must disclose the partnership on Schedule A-1 and income of \$500 or more received from the partnership on Schedule C.

Alice Howard supervises the purchasing department of a governmental agency. She owns stock in a utility company that only does business in New York. Alice is a code filer and her disclosure category requires reporting of investments of the type that provide services or supplies to the agency. She is **not** required to report the utility company stock because the company does not do business in her jurisdiction.



## INSTRUCTIONS – SCHEDULE A-2 INVESTMENTS

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Use Schedule A-2 to report investments in a business entity or trust (including a living trust), in which you, your spouse, or your dependent children had a 10% or greater interest, valued at \$2,000 or more, during the reporting period and which is located in or doing business in your agency's jurisdiction (see Appendix-8). A trust located outside your agency's jurisdiction is reportable if it holds assets that are located in or doing business in the jurisdiction. You are not required to report a trust that contains no reportable interests.

Also report on Schedule A-2 investments and real property held by that entity or trust if your pro rata share of the interest was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period. For example, if you had a 20% partnership interest in a business entity and the entity owns real property, you would report that real property if your pro rata share of the value of the property was \$2,000 or more (for example, if the property's value was at least \$10,000).

### TO COMPLETE SCHEDULE A-2:

**Part 1.** Disclose the name and address of the business entity or trust. If you are reporting an interest in a business entity, complete the box as follows:

- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity.
- Check the box indicating the fair market value of your investment.
- If you acquired or disposed of this interest during the reporting period, enter the date acquired or disposed.
- Identify the nature of your investment.
- Disclose the job title or business position you held with the entity, if any (for example, if you were a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or held any position of management).

**Part 2.** Check the box indicating your gross income. (This includes your pro rata share of the gross income received by the business entity or trust, as well as your community property interest in your spouse's income.)

**Part 3.** Disclose the name of each source of income located in or doing business in your agency's jurisdiction, as follows:

- Disclose each source of income and outstanding loan **to the business entity or trust** identified in part 1 if your pro rata share of the gross income (including your community property interest in your spouse's income) to the business entity or trust from that source was \$10,000 or more during the reporting period.

- Disclose each individual or entity that was a source of commission income of \$10,000 or more during the reporting period through the business entity identified in part 1. (See Appendix-5 for an explanation of commission income.)

You may be required to disclose sources of income located outside your jurisdiction. For example, you may have a client who resides outside your jurisdiction but who does business on a regular basis with you. Such a client, if a reportable source of \$10,000 or more, must be disclosed.

**You may be required to disqualify yourself from decisions affecting sources of \$500 or more in income, even though you are not required to report them.**

**You are not required to report on Schedule C income or business positions already reported on Schedule A-2.**

**Part 4.** Report any investments or interests in real property held by the entity or trust identified in part 1 if your pro rata share of the interest held was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period.

- Check the applicable box indicating if the interest held is real property or an investment.
- If an investment, provide the name and description of the business entity.
- If real property, report the address or other precise location, such as an assessor's parcel number, of the real property.
- Check the box indicating the fair market value of your interest in the real property or investment.
- Identify the nature of your interest.
- If you acquired or disposed of your interest in the property or investment during the reporting period, enter the date acquired or disposed.

