

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FOR AUTHORITY/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER  
PURSUANT TO SDCL CHAPTER 3-23

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Name of Member: AUSTIN SIMONS

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Name of Board, Authority, or Commission: SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

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The Member shall disclose below any contract in which the Member has an interest or from which the Member derives a direct benefit if the contract is:

- 1) With the state agency to which the Member's board, authority, or commission is attached for reporting or oversight purposes and which contract requires the expenditure of government funds;
- 2) With the state and which contract requires the approval of the Member's board, authority, or commission and the expenditure of government funds; or
- 3) With a political subdivision of the state if the political subdivision approves the contract and:
  - a. Is under the regulatory oversight of the authority, board, or commission, or
  - b. Is under the regulatory oversight of the agency to which the Member's board, authority, or commission is attached.

The Member shall disclose the contract even though no additional authorization is needed from the Member's board, authority, or commission to have an interest or derive a benefit from the contract.

The Member shall also identify every entity in which the Member possesses an ownership interest of five percent or greater if:

- 1) The entity receives grant money from the State, either directly or by a pass-through grant or
- 2) The entity contracts with the State or any political subdivision for services.

1. **Contracts in which you have an interest pursuant to SDCL Chapter 3-23 and which do not violate any other provision of law** – Provide the following for each contract in which you have, or will have, an interest. For further information see SDCL 3-23-2.1 and 3-23.3.1.

| Description of the contract | Parties | Description of your interest/role in the contract  | Date contract was previously disclosed, if applicable |
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| N/A                         |         | The company I own, Thorstenson Trucking, hauls hot oil for Jensen Rock & Sand, which occasionally bids on highway construction contract awards that are considered by the South Dakota Transportation Commission |   |

*Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

1. **Contract in which you have a direct benefit pursuant to SDCL Chapter 3-23** – Provide the following for each contract from which you derive, or will derive, a direct benefit. For more information see SDCL 3-23-2, 3-23-2.2, and 3-23-3.1.

| Description of the contract | Parties | Description of the direct benefit | Date contract was authorized |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| N/A                         |         |                                   |                              |

*Attach additional pages, if necessary.*




2. **Entities in which you possess an ownership interest of five percent or more that receive grant money from the State, either directly or by a pass-through grant, or that contract with the State or any political subdivision for services** – Provide the following for each such entity. See SDCL 3.23-3.1.

| Description of the contract or grant | Party in which you possess the interest | State agency or subdivision |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| N/A                                  |   |                             |

*Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

The Member shall complete a separate authorization request for any contract identified above that requires authorization from the Member's board, authority, or commission in order for the Member to legally derive a direct benefit.

Signature of Member:  Date 7/20/25