

2011 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Doug Gunnels

FINDING(S)

Mr. Doug Gunnels failed to timely register as a lobbyist for his employer (See Registrations section).

EMPLOYER

- Lenoir City Utilities Board

REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Gunnels registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2011. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Gunnels failed to timely register for his employer. The Lenoir City Utilities Board entered into a lobbying relationship for 2011 registration year in a letter of agreement for lobbying services dated December 21, 2010. As the agreement was established before the beginning of the year, the audit determined the lobbyist should have register within 7 days of the commencement of the year which is January 8, 2011. Mr. Gunnels did not register until February 1, 2011, 24 days late.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the documentation provided by Mr. Gunnels, he had a written agreement with his client. The terms of each contract appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mr. Gunnels reported he had no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING & FEES

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Mr. Gunnels completed his required lobbyist training for the 2011 registration year and paid all registration fees.