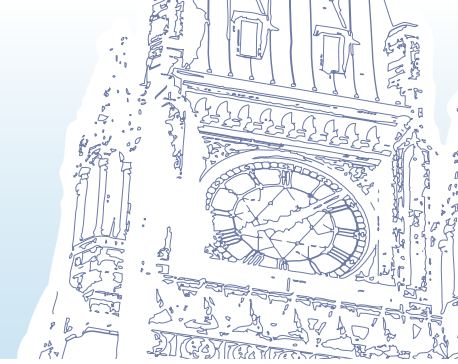




Lobbying Act Implementation Notice #7



Contingency Fees

Date: February 1, 2009

Background

The *Lobbying Act* introduced a total ban on payment or receipt of any payment or other benefit contingent, whether in whole or in part, on the outcome of a consultant lobbyist's activity. To complement this measure, government contracts and agreements, such as contribution agreements, will prohibit payment of a contingency fee to a consultant lobbyist by the client.

This provision does not apply to in-house lobbyists (corporations) or in-house lobbyists (organizations).

Implementation

The *Federal Accountability Act* provided two transitional measures for undertakings made prior to the coming-into-force of the *Lobbying Act*.

- Any contingency fee arrangements mentioned in a return filed under the *Lobbyists Registration Act* will be permitted after July 2, 2008, but only for the duration of the undertaking.
- The prohibition does not apply to contingency fee arrangements relating to undertakings that are entered into during the 10-day period prior to July 2, 2008.

Undertakings that have been entered into on or after July 2, 2008, whether with a previous, current, or new client, may not include the payment of contingency fees in any manner or to any degree. As part of the registration process, lobbyists are required to confirm that they will not be receiving a contingency fee for the undertaking

Related Documents

Guide to Registration (2008) – Consultant Lobbyists