

Campaign Finance

REMINDER: January Qtly Reports Due Jan 15th
Every committee registered with MEC must file a Jan Qtly Report by January 15, 2010. This report should include all activity from the day after your last report through December 31, 2009.

Any report mailed *must* be postmarked by January 14, 2010, the day prior, to be considered timely filed. All electronically filed reports should be received by 5pm on January 15, 2010 (Section 130.046.8 RSMo).



Committee Registration Deadline: Remember that all committees must be formed 30 days prior to the election in which they wish to participate *with the exception* of a continuing committee. A continuing committee must be formed 60 days prior. View the [2010 Campaign Finance Filing Calendar](#) to make sure that your committee is timely formed.

New Candidate/New Treasurer? Whether you are new to campaign finance or would like to learn more, sign up for a [training class](#) today!!

Do I need to form a candidate committee? Refer to page 4 of the [2010 Guide to Ethics Laws](#).

Data Import? Did you know that you can import data from a Microsoft Excel file to your electronic report? [Data can be imported](#) into the following designated reporting sections:

- ✓ Contributions and Loans Received (form CD1 section A)
- ✓ Itemized Expenditures all Over \$100 (form CD3 section B)
- ✓ Contributions Made – Regardless of Amount (form CD3 section C)

See the [Import Training Video](#) for more information.

Lobbying

Have You Renewed Your Lobbyist Registration for the 2010 Year? Each lobbyist *must* renew their status to remain an active lobbyist for the 2010 year by January 5th. Renew electronically via credit card by logging in to the [Lobbyist Electronic Reporting System](#) and clicking on the “Renew Registration” button.

Any lobbyist who has not renewed by January 5, 2010 will have their status as a lobbyist terminated effective December 31, 2009.

If you do not plan on renewing your registration, please note that you are still required to file a December Lobbyist Monthly Expenditure Report by January 10, 2010.



Lobbyists / Principal Bi-Annual Reports Due March 15th and May 30th Each lobbyist or lobbyist’s principal must file a [List of Principals and Legislative Action](#) form (MO 300-1433) with the Commission by two dates: **March 15th and May 30th**.

The form should include a general description of proposed legislative action; action by the executive branch or judicial branch of government; or by any official agency, board or commission of state government, which the lobbyist or lobbyist’s principal supported or opposed. For each due date, only one report is due per principal.

What is a lobbyist principal? A lobbyist principal is any person, business entity, governmental entity, religious organization, nonprofit corporation or association who employs, contracts for pay or otherwise compensates a lobbyist.

Personal Financial Disclosure

PFD Filing Time Is Here For PFD Statements!

Statements are due to the MEC between January 1, 2010 and May 3, 2010.

If your name has been submitted as a required filer, you can [access the form on our website](#), complete, sign, and return to our office.

Who files an annual PFD statement?

- ✓ [Public officials and candidates](#) for various positions
- ✓ [Candidates & public officials](#) in political subdivisions
- ✓ [Individuals](#) that have been appointed or are newly employed

What is the time period covered by the statement?

January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. If no longer serving, enter the time period you served in 2009.

Where can I get the PFD form? Visit our website at www.mec.mo.gov and download the necessary [form](#).

Can I fax my completed statement? MEC does not accept faxed forms. An original signature is required.



View Your Political Subdivision Filers Online.

Political Subdivisions can verify if their designated filers have filed their PFDs. Log into the [Political Subdivision Filing System](#) by using your login information which was previously provided to you.

Lobbying Question

When is a lobbyist expenditure reported as a solicitation? If a lobbyist is asked to expend money on behalf of an elected official; the expenditure is to be reported as a solicitation.

Please refer to Commission [Opinion 1998.05.102](#) for further examples.

Advisory Opinions

Upon written request, the Commission issues advisory opinions about campaign finance disclosure, conflict of interest, lobbying and personal financial disclosure. Advisory opinions are available on the Commission's [website](#). Below are recently issued opinions:

Conflict of Interest

[2009.10.CI.004](#)— Can a State Representative have a consulting company and/or be a subcontractor for another consulting company?

[2009.12.CI.005](#)— Can a Mayor be an employee of a company with a contract with the city in which he is the Mayor of?

Training

New Online Tutorials Released! MEC has released 4 new [training tutorials](#) about Lobbying. The tutorials are about lobbyists, their reporting requirements, online resources and using the online filing system.

Within the next week MEC will release 2 new campaign finance [training tutorials](#). Be sure to check our website regularly.

Upcoming training sessions in Jefferson City for Campaign Finance Record-Keeping and Reporting: Jan 7th, Feb 4th, and Mar 3rd 2010. The 2½ hr sessions are from 9:30 am - 12noon and from 1:30pm - 4pm. Reserve your seat by sending an [email](#) today.

Several regional training sessions for new candidates have been scheduled around the state. [View the training schedule](#). If you would like to host a new candidate training session in your area, please [let us know](#).