

Potential Sources of Bias / Conflict of Interest Statement of Affiliations and Interests for Candidates for the RESNET Board of Directors

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This form must be submitted with all applications to be a candidate for the RESNET Board of Directors. It is intended to ensure that relevant information is submitted to the RESNET Board Nominations Committee and the RESNET membership.

The responsibility for determining the information to be reported rests with the individual completing this form. Failure to fully disclose relationships is grounds for removal from consideration for or removal from the RESNET Board of Directors.

Upload the completed forms on the application where directed.

A statement of affiliations and interests does not prevent a person from being nominated as a candidate for the RESNET Board, but is for the purpose of notifying the RESNET Board Nominations Committee and RESNET members of any bias or potential bias.

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RESNET Board of Directors			
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RESNET Membership Category: Providers		Today's Date:9/22/2016	

All sections of this form must be completed. The use of "None", N/A, or no response to answer these inquiries is not acceptable. Incomplete forms will be rejected and the terms for application for nomination to the RESNET Board of Directors e will not have been met.

- 1. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS. Enter information as requested below.
- A. Report any business relationships (such as an employee, owner, officer, director, consultant, etc.) in the fields of home energy ratings, building performance and/or other areas that RESNET provides services within the last two years.

Director of Engineering of Ekotrope, a software company that owns a RESNET accredited HERS Rating Tool.

B. Report any memberships or volunteer non-business relationships that your company/organization has with such groups such as BPI, ACCA, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET, etc. within the last two years.

Ekotrope is a Software Provider under RESNET. We have no other memberships or relationships with the listed organizations.

C. List all your organization's employees that serve on the board of directors, advisory groups or working committees with such groups such as BPI, ACCA, BPI, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET, etc. within the last two years.

No employees have served on boards or committees for these organizations in the past 2 years. I have served on several small task forces for RESNET.

- D. Disclose any direct sources of funding for your time and/or expenses to participate on the RESNET Board of Directors. If you currently pay for your own expenses, please enter 'self-funded'.
 - Ekotrope, Inc will pay my time and expenses.
- E. Disclose sources of funding, the amount of funding received and services provided that your organization has received from such federal agencies as Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Energy, etc. and such groups such as BPI, ACCA, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET, etc. within the last two years.

No funding from these groups. Ekotrope has received ~ \$600,000 in funding from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center.

 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS. List articles, testimony, speeches, etc., by date, title and publication (if any) in which they appeared that you provided about RESNET and home energy ratings. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please mark the box below only if applicable. 		
☑ I have no relevant public statements or positions (double-click box to mark).		
SIGNATURE	9/26/2016 DATE	
Residential Energy Services Network, RESNET		

Attachment

Guidelines and Definitions

Defining "Bias" and "Conflict of Interest"

Bias: The question of potential sources of "bias" ordinarily relates to views stated or positions taken that are largely intellectually motivated or that arise from the close identification or association of an individual with a particular point of view or the positions or perspectives of a particular group. Such potential sources of bias are not disqualifying for purposes of RESNET Board service. It is necessary, in order to ensure that the board is fully competent, to elect members in such a way as to represent a balance of potentially biasing backgrounds or professional or organizational perspectives.

Conflict of Interest: It is essential that the work of the RESNET Board of Directors not be compromised by any significant conflict of interest, or in some circumstances the significant appearance of conflict of interest, on the part of any member of the board. For this purpose, the term "conflict of interest" means any financial or other interest which conflicts with the service of an individual because it (1) could impair the individual's objectivity or (2) could create an unfair competitive advantage for any person or organization. The existence of a significant conflict of interest ordinarily disqualifies an individual from service.

How can conflicts of interest arise?

Conflicts of interest can occur when:

When a board member as a strong personal, financial, or professional interests in seeing that a project/policy produce a particular outcome; and

An agency, a sponsor, or a private organization or company attempts either to influence individual board member or to skew the body of information reviewed by the board.

What is done to avoid conflicts of interest?

Submittal and evaluation of the statement of affiliations and interests that lists professional connections and indicates any positions taken in relevant public statements at the time of nomination and disclosures during board meetings are fundamental to ensuring conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest are avoided.

Note: This form and the definitions, included here are derived from forms and considerations as presented by ASHRAE.