

**Wayne County
Slavery Era Disclosure Affidavit**

1) Name of Business: _____

2) Address of Business: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3) Was your business formed prior to January 1, 1866? Yes No If yes, indicate year _____

4) Do you have any Predecessor Firm or Business that existed prior to January 1, 1866? _____

If so, please list these firms/businesses and their dates of formation
(use additional sheets as necessary):

5) Please read the following statement and have an authorized agent of your firm/ business sign one of the following three lines:

The firm / business has searched its records and those of any predecessor for information relating to participation or investment in, or profits derived from slavery or slaveholder insurance policies during the slavery era. Based on that diligent research, the company represents that:

_____ Neither the Company nor any predecessor(s) existed prior to January 1, 1866.

_____ The Company found no records that it or any predecessor(s) had any participation or investment in, or derived profits from slavery or slaveholder insurance policies during the slavery era.

_____ The Company found records that the Company or its predecessor(s) did participate in or invested in slavery and/or derived profits from slavery or slaveholder insurance policies. The nature of this participation, investment, or insurance policy is disclosed on the attached documents including the names and ages of slaves, slaveholders, and all loans or investments made.

6) I declare that the representations made herein are accurate to the best of my knowledge and are based upon a diligent search of records. All documentation attached to this affidavit reflects full disclosure of all records known and identified that are required to be disclosed by Wayne County. I further acknowledge that any failure to conduct a diligent search or to make a full and complete disclosure may result in cancellation of my contract by the County of Wayne, the institution of liquidated damages by the County and possibly debarment.

Authorized Agent (print)

Title

Authorized Agent Signature

Date

Wayne County Slavery Era Disclosure Ordinance Requirements

Prospective Contractor:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 120-194 of the Wayne County Procurement Ordinance, any firm or business which is proposed to receive a contract valued at more than \$20,000 shall file this disclosure affidavit. The County's procurement ordinance also requires that any firm or business which was organized before January 1, 1866 or for which a predecessor was organized before January 1, 1866, is required to conduct a thorough search of its archives and records to determine whether it or any predecessor business "may have invested in, or supported or profited in some manner from the institution of slavery."

As part of the affidavit, a business is required to include a copy of any record(s) from the business or any predecessor that would evidence any and all insurance policies issued for the protection of property interests in slaves, the names and ages of those slaves, and all loans or investments made to persons or in and to businesses which made use of slaves.

The failure by a firm or business to file this disclosure statement may be grounds for non-award of a County contract. In addition, filing a false statement or failing to file a full disclosure may be considered a substantial breach of contract, thereby constituting reasonable grounds for the County to cancel the existing contract, to institute liquidated damages, and/or to pursue debarment under the procurement ordinance.

Attached to this letter, please find a copy of the Slavery Era Disclosure Affidavit for your review and completion. This affidavit is required in order for Wayne County to process your proposed contract. If your proposed contract is for at least \$20,000.00, the contract cannot be awarded without your business completing this form and returning it directly to the Division of Human Relations or as an attachment with your solicitation response.

Sincerely,

Division of Human Relations