



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties
From: Daniel A. Carlton, Jr., Administrator
Date: May 5, 2022
Re: Wisconsin Ethics Commission Lobbying Website

We are excited to announce the launching of the new Wisconsin Lobbying website this weekend! While we implement the new lobbying website, the lobbying website will be completely unavailable the night of Friday, May 6, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Central Time. On Saturday, Commission staff will be testing the live site. While visitors may be able to view the site on Saturday, there may be times when it is down. We are requesting that any lobbyists or principals who can access the website on Saturday not input any new information. Due to ongoing testing, we cannot guarantee that any data entered will be saved once this process has begun. When we are done testing the live site, we will email all lobbyists and principals that the website is now ready for use. For CFIS and SEI users, please note that there may be intermittent outages on those websites while we are doing this work.

Here are some important things to know:

- Staff will back up all existing data in the system before the change to the new lobbying website. Lobbyists and principals should not lose any data entered before 5:30 p.m. on Friday. However, if it makes you more comfortable, you may want to save your information (i.e., lobbying interests, topics, profile information, entered time reports for the current six-month SLAE, etc.) in the unlikely event that there is any data loss.
- There are some things that can only be tested once the website is live online. In the event that there is some unexpected issue, we will revert back to the current website until all issues are resolved.
- There will be a training available to anyone interested on the website this Friday, May 6, 2022, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. CDT. [Invitations to register](#) for this training have already been sent to all registered principals and licensed lobbyists. There will be an additional training available on May 12, 2022, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. CDT. A link for this training will be sent out in the next couple of days. We will also provide another training opportunity near the end of June. The date for that session is to be determined.
- We will be recording our trainings. We hope to have a recorded training on our website shortly after May 12, 2022. Additionally, in the coming weeks, we will have video modules showing how to accomplish certain tasks and a user manual.

While we know that this website will bring a new user experience, we believe that the new website is a big improvement over the current website. As always, we are here to assist with any questions you might have.

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