



What does Project Sunlight! REQUIRE?

The law requires that SUNY employees who are decision makers or decision advisors, report all substantive Oappearances Owith non-government entities (both individuals and firms) to an on-line searchable database within five days of the appearance when feasible IF the cost of the procurement / contract could be more than \$25,000. (All entries will be published on a public-facing website.)

Who Is a Decision Maker under Project Sunlight?

Campus decision-makers include but are

not limited to:

President	Director of Procurement
Purchasing Agent	Athletics Director
Vice President Admin.	Dean
Other Vice Presidents	Chief Information Officer
Provost	Facilities Director

Who Is a Decision Maker under Project Sunlight?

Who is a Decision-Maker or Decision Advisor:

- ¥! The Purchasing Dept. will designate campus Decision Makers and Advisors based on title and job function.
- ¥! However, there may be times when an employee not initially identified becomes a Decision Maker/Advisor.

Any employee who has the authority to make or OsubstantivelyO influence procurement decisions.

<u>Example:</u> A Faculty member meets with microscope vendors to find the best microscope for their academic program needs, and advises the procurement employee which microscope to purchase.

! Faculty member is a mandated Project Sunlight reporter in this scenario.

You only report appearances related to the:

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Project Sunlight Appearances: !

New Vendors for New Products, Service,

Contracts: REPORT

¥Meetings with new vendors for products, goods and services, prior to a contract being in place

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Project Sunlight Appearances: ! What MUST be reported

Existing Vendors for New Products; New Services; New Contract: REPORT

¥ Meetings with existing vendors for **new** products or services, or products and services outside the scope of the current contract agreement with vendor

Contract Re-Negotiation: REPORT

¥Meetings involving substantial renegotiations of Contracts

Project Sunlight Appearances: ! What MUST be reported

Appearances by Advocacy Organizations: REPORT ¥Meetings with organizations, unions, and other businesses that are advocating for another business are also considered appearances

<u>Example:</u> Another higher education institution advocates for SUNY to use a vendor that they also use; this scenario constitutes a reported appearance

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: ! <u>NOT</u> reported

Written communication: NOT REPORTED

¥Faxes, letters, or emails are not appearances

Phone Calls: NOT REPORTED

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ONLY in-person and video conference appearances are reported

<u>Under Threshold Amount:</u> NOT REPORTED

¥Contacts related to procurements under \$25,000

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: ! NOT

Intra-State Communications: NOT REPORTED

*Contact between SUNY and other state agencies; <u>Includes appearances before:</u>

¥! other state and local agencies and authorities (including CUNY)

¥federal government representatives

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: NOT reported

Elected Officials: NOT REPORTED

¥Contact by elected officials, executive or legislative employees

Philanthropy: NOT REPORTED

¥Gifts, donations, or grants to the State that are not in exchange for real property, goods, or services

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: ! NOT reported

Existing Contracts: NOT REPORTED

¥Appearances following the award of a contract related to contract administration; This includes:

¥Discussion of open contract terms

¥Purchases off an already existing contract

¥Meetings regarding contract performance

Meetings with the Research Foundation: NOT REPORTED

¥Appearances in front of the Research Foundation because we have an existing contract with the RF to do business, generally, on SUNYÕs behalf

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: ! NOT reported

Emergency Procurements: NOT REPORTED

¥Procurements related to emergencies, where emergency is defined the same as it is in the State finance laws.

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: ! NOTarance

Social Interaction: NOT REPORTED

¥Short and informal meet and greets, introductions, or purely social interactions

Note: A social interaction can become a reportable appearance once the person tries to influence your decision related to a procurement or state contract

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: ! NOT reported

Industry Meetings, Conferences & Expos: NOT REPORTED

¥Participation in widely-attended industry meeting is not considered an appearance

¥Practically, this means no reporting is required for:

¥professional conferences

¥expos/ visiting booths on a show floor/ exhibit hall

¥panels

¥training or educational programs

¥public auctions

¥Where a vendor attends a SUNY Conference

NOTE: reportable appearances can still happen widely attended events

before and after these

Not Project Sunlight Appearances: ! <u>NOT</u> reported

RFP/ IFB Formal Procurement Processes: NOT REPORTED

*Appearances as part of a formal procurement that are otherwise covered by the Procurement Lobbying Law, including:

¥meetings that occur during the restricted RFP or IFB processes

¥bid meetings and presentations

¥meetings with designated contacts

¥bid clarifications

NOTE: The reason these formal procurement processes are excluded from reporting is because there are existing protocols that restrict communication to a designated contact during this time period

Must REPORT Information! to OGS Database

₩Process for reporting appearances on campus

¥Binghamton University has designated staff in Purchasing who access the OGS database and input all Project Sunlight Appearances for the campus

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¥Date of Appearance (month, day, year)
¥!Type of Meeting:
   ! In-Person !
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What Information Must be Reported to OGS

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¥Name of Company at Appearance

‡Company Location:

CITY, ZIP ONLY

(IF LARGECOMPANY, LOCATION THAT REP. WORKSOUT OF)

‡Outside Representative at Appearance:

(E.G., COMPANY® ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST)

‡Outside RepresentativeÕs Location: CITY, ZIP ONLY!

(IF LARGECOMPANY, LOCATION THAT REP. WORKSOUT OF)

‡Name of Non-SUNY Contacts
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Project Sunlight: ! WHENto Report By

Time Requirement:

Appearances must be reported to the database within five (5) business days of the appearance, whenever feasible.

Binghamton University MUST:



1. An email is an example of an Appearance? True False
2. Appearances should be recorded in Project Sunlight within
days of occurrence.
A.! 5 Days
B 10 Days

- C.! One Month
- 3. Who should you report an Appearance to?
- A.! Supervisor
- C.! Purchasing
- C. University Police

Project Sunlight Resources

All Project Sunlight Information and the Appearance Recording Form can be found on the Project Sunlight link on the Purchasing website: http://www2.binghamton.edu/purchasing/

The Appearance Recording Form may be printed and faxed to Purchasing at 607-777-2338 or emailed to Cheryl Alexander CALEX@binghamton.edu within three business days of appearance for entry in Project Sunlight within 5 business days.

New York State Website: http://projectsunlight.ny.gov/

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