

## DIRECTOR CANDIDATE DISCLOSURE AND CERTIFICATION FORM

### Glossary

**ACA** means a Farm Credit System agricultural credit association that obtains its funding from CoBank.

**Affiliated Organization** means a business entity in which a person is a director or officer or has a Financial Interest such as Owner or Member<sup>1</sup>. *You will be asked to disclose Affiliated Organizations for yourself and for any Immediate Family Member and Other Related Party, each as defined below.*

**Conflicts of Interest** (or the appearance thereof) exist when a person has a Financial Interest in a transaction, relationship, or activity that actually affects or has the appearance of affecting the person's ability to perform official duties and responsibilities in a totally impartial manner and in the best interest of CoBank when viewed from the perspective of a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts.

**Controlled Entity** means an entity in which any Relative, person residing in your household, business partner or other person with whom a director has a relationship, directly or indirectly, or acting through or in concert with one or more persons, holds a Controlling Interest.

**Controlling Interest** means (1) ownership of five percent or more of the equity of an entity; (2) ownership, control or power to vote 5 percent or more of any class of voting securities of an entity; or (3) power to exercise controlling influence over the management of policies of an entity.

**FCL** means Farm Credit Leasing Services Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CoBank.

**Financial Interest** means an interest in an activity, transaction, property, or relationship with a person or an entity that involves receiving or providing something of monetary value or other present or deferred compensation.

**Financially Obligated With** means having a joint legally enforceable obligation with, being financially obligated on behalf of (contingently or otherwise), having an enforceable legal obligation secured by property owned by another, or owning property that secures an enforceable legal obligation of another.

**Immediate Family Member** means spouse, parents, siblings, children, mothers- and fathers-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and sons- and daughters-in-law.

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<sup>1</sup> The Standards of Conduct regulations require reporting of any entity in which a director has a “material financial interest” or on whose board the director sits.

**Material**, when applied to a Financial Interest or transaction or series of transactions, means that the interest or transaction or series of transactions is of such magnitude that a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts would question the ability of the person who has the interest or is party to such transaction(s) to perform his or her official duties objectively and impartially and in the best interest of the institution and its statutory purpose.

**Member** means an ownership interest that is not a Controlling Interest, such as a membership interest in a cooperative.

**Other Related Party** means any Relative (other than an Immediate Family Member), household member or business partner of the director or any other person with whom the director has a relationship.

**Owner** means an ownership interest that is a Controlling Interest.

**Relative** means you and your spouse and anyone having the following relationship to either: parents, spouse, son, daughter, sibling, stepparent, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, and the spouses of the foregoing.