

**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF INCIDENTAL HOSPITALITY AT AN EVENT
SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(3)(b).**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of non-elected public employee:	Ben Linville-Engler
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: ☒ My attendance at an event will serve a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and ☒ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to pay or waive expenses worth \$50 or more related to the event.
	EVENT ATTENDED
Describe the event that you will attend.	An off-the-record dinner conversation with Vice Admiral Frank "Trey" Whitworth, USN (Ret.), former Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and Director for Intelligence on the Joint Staff. During his tenure as Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), VADM Whitworth led one of the nation's most critical intelligence organizations, overseeing the integration of artificial intelligence, commercial space capabilities, and advanced geospatial intelligence into U.S. national security operations. Drawing on decades of service, including leadership roles at JSOC and U.S. Africa Command, he will share his perspective on today's evolving threat environment and the challenges facing the United States and its allies. The discussion will explore how government and industry can work together to strengthen America's security and competitiveness. VADM Whitworth will offer insights into the global geopolitical landscape and how intelligence is used to identify emerging risks and inform decision-making. He will also discuss the growing importance of private-sector investment and innovation in areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and commercial space systems, as well as the need to secure the technologies, data, and supply chains that underpin national security. Finally, he will address the role intelligence and risk assessment can play in strengthening critical infrastructure and enhancing the nation's resilience in the face of crises and emerging threats.
Describe your participation in the event.	I will be attending the event as a guest of the host organization BENS along with some of their MA-based members. I will be networking with business leaders from the defense sector and other sectors.

Date, time and location of event.	July 26, 2026, 6-8pm Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse (26 Fan Pier Blvd, Boston, MA 02210)
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	There is a strong alignment with MassTech's efforts under SHIELD. From a timing perspective, key insights surfaced from the dinner could be beneficial to the implementation of the action agenda included in the SHIELD Report. There are likely several attendees who have engaged with MassTech through 1 or more of our programs or divisions.
	EXPENSES RELATED TO INCIDENTAL HOSPITALITY
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, pay or waive expenses.	Michelle LeBretton Regional Director, Business Executives for Nationals Security (BENS)
Address of person or organization.	1030 15th Street, NW, Suite 200 East Washington, D.C. 20005
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<i>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</i>
Transportation within the Commonwealth:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i>
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> Dinner - \$100
Admission:	<i>Admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, entertainment, materials, etc.</i>
Total:	\$100
Employee signature:	
Date:	7/22/2026

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	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Carolyn Kirk
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Employee who filed the disclosure:	Ben Linville-Engler
	DETERMINATION
To give approval, check off both statements.	Upon consideration of the facts disclosed by the employee above, I find that: ☒ <u>x</u> The employee's attendance at the event will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND ☒ <u>x</u> Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to the employee or the person paying or waiving expenses related to the event.
Reason that the employee's travel or attendance will serve a legitimate public purpose:	Ben's participation will benefit MassTech by identifying collaboration and business development opportunities in the defense sector for MA and MassTech.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	7-26-26

Attach additional pages if necessary.

The appointing authority should maintain the disclosure as a public record and give a copy of any signed determination to the employee.