

**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:	Lily Fitzgerald
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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.	The Rhode Island Manufacturers Association (RIMA) is a trade association for the Rhode Island manufacturing sector that does advocacy at the local, state, and federal level. This event is their Annual Manufacturing Awards Dinner.
Describe your participation in the event.	I have been invited to attend this event by Mark Manuel, who purchased a table at the event, to join his table. I will attend the event and network throughout.
Date, time and location of event.	February 5, 2026, 5:30 to 8:30PM at the Omi Providence Hotel
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	This event will serve as a valuable networking opportunity to meet leaders from across the Rhode Island and broader New England ecosystem. MassTech and CAM have been interested in increasing regional coordination and collaboration, especially through the NERDIC and SHIELD initiatives. This regional coordination and collaboration are especially important to Massachusetts given that New England states are small, businesses and workers frequently cross state lines, and there are complimentary strengths among the New England states. Given these interests, strengthening ties to the surrounding states is valuable to our work. I expect that I will make several new connections at this event and strengthen ties to individuals and organizations CAM has engaged with previously.
	EXPENSES RELATED TO INCIDENTAL HOSPITALITY
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse,	I have been invited to attend this event by Mark Manuel, who runs the marketing and consulting firms Industrial Marketing and Site Sonar. Mark has purchased a table at the event and invited various ecosystem members to attend and join his table. I will

pay or waive expenses.	attend the event and network throughout. I have become connected to Mark after attending several events throughout the region and through his attendance at the Mash-Up. He seems well connected to industrial, government, and nonprofit leaders in the region. Other invitees to Mark's table include leaders from workforce training providers, universities, trade associations, and law firms.
Address of person or organization.	17 Old Nashua Road Amherst, NH
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> No compensation for transportation was offered. I will drive to this event and submit my mileage to MassTech for reimbursement. \$0
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> Mark purchased a table for 8 attendees for this event. The total cost of that table appears to be \$1400, based on the event website, so the cost per seat is \$175.
Admission:	<i>Admission, tickets, etc.</i> No further admission cost beyond the cost of the seat at the dinner \$0
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, entertainment, materials, etc.</i> No other costs \$0
Total:	\$175
Employee signature:	<i>Lily Fitzgerald</i>
Date:	01/28/2026

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	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Ben Linville-Engler on behalf of Carolyn A. Kirk
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Employee who filed the disclosure:	Lily Fitzgerald
	DETERMINATION
To give approval, check off both statements.	Upon consideration of the facts disclosed by the employee above, I find that: ☒ X_ 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 ☒ X_ 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:	Connections to the manufacturing ecosystem in other New England states is increasingly important for our work at MassTech, especially given the SHIELD Initiative and our collaboration across borders on the RI-MA Ocean Tech Hub proposal for the EDA Tech Hubs program. This event is a good opportunity to strengthen these connections.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	1/29/2026

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.