

More than 1,000 Lobbyists Trained on HLOGA since December
Lobbyists.info Seminars Assist Professionals in Complying with New Law

Bethesda, Md. (April 22, 2008) – Seminars sponsored by Lobbyists.info have helped more than 1,000 lobbyists understand the regulations and provisions in the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act (HLOGA).

Since December, Lobbyists.info, the online resource for government relations professionals, has presented audioconferences to train lobbyists in different areas of HLOGA. Cleta Mitchell, a lobbying compliance expert from Foley & Lardner, spoke on creating compliance systems in response to increased disclosure requirements and Government Accountability Office auditing of reports.

Other training seminars by experts in the lobbying community have centered on HLOGA's impact on associations, the specific provisions regarding gifts and travel and clarification on the new semiannual filing, the LD-203.

HLOGA, enacted last year by Congress, sought to increase the accountability of the federal lobbying community by expanding the number of financial disclosure reports to be filed and requiring lobbyists to disclose particular political contributions. The law also authorized the GAO to audit those reports and provide a summary of those audits to Congress.

For more information on upcoming audioconferences, please visit http://www.lobbyists.info/lobby_government_relations.cfm.

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