

Outside Activities of Stephen Goldsmith

TRANSPARENT ENGAGEMENT

“As a school committed to solving real world public problems, we recognize and support the significant value of faculty engagement with public and private actors outside of HKS. At the same time, as a school dedicated to serving the public interest, we understand that in the public mind and often in academia, the independence of research findings, policy analysis, public positions, and even teaching can be questioned when it is funded by or when the author receives significant outside support from a company, industry, national government or other organization which may have a financial, ideological, or political stake in that academic work. To address this concern, Harvard University and Harvard Kennedy School have adopted a set of disclosure and conflict of interest policies. The policies aim to balance the value of involvement with the real world actors we seek to understand, the legitimate desire of the public for transparency, and the autonomy and privacy interests of individual faculty members. A simple summary of our goal is "transparent engagement." This website is one of many tools available to our faculty for the purpose of public disclosure.”

My work is designed to make government operate more effectively and therefore almost every governmental entity, nonprofit and vendor active particularly in the state and local areas has “an ideological” stake in my academic work and therefore the list below is inclusive.

Just as Professor Robert Stavins states, “because I am motivated not just to study and understand public policy, but to help practitioners improve it, I try very hard to make my scholarship relevant to the challenges practitioners actually face. For the same reason, I present my work in forms that are useful to such audiences. Relationships with practitioners of various kinds help me increase the relevance of my scholarship and communicate it to the world of professional practice.”

Following is a list in alphabetical order of professional relationships I have had with organizations in the last year. I have received monetary compensation for some of these, expenses only for others, and no financial payments from others:

Baker and McKenzie	Consulting
Bloomberg Philanthropies	Writing, research and speaking
Esri	Consulting
Finish Line	Board member
Governing Magazine	Writing, research and speaking
Government Technology	Writing and research
Laura and John Arnold Foundation	Writing and research
Living Cities	Writing, researching and speaking
Loop Financial Services	Consulting
Passport	Advisory board
SAP	Consulting
Uber	Writing and research

Foundations that support my work:

Bloomberg Philanthropies	Data-Smart City Solutions
Living Cities	Project on Municipal Innovation
Laura and John Arnold Foundation	Civic Analytics Network
Kresge Foundation	Book writing and research
Annie E. Casey Foundation	Book writing and research