

**WAC 390-16-307 Contributions by controlled entities.** (1) **Corporations.** Two or more entities are treated as a single entity if one of the two or more entities is a subsidiary, branch or department of a corporation that is participating in an election campaign or making contributions.

(2) A corporation is participating in an election campaign if it:

(a) Makes either a monetary or an in-kind contribution to a candidate;

(b) Makes an independent expenditure or electioneering communication;

(c) Endorses a candidate prior to contributions being made by a subsidiary, branch or department of the corporation with respect to a candidate or that candidate's opponent;

(d) Makes a recommendation regarding whether a candidate should be supported or opposed prior to a contribution being made by a subsidiary, branch or department of the corporation; or

(e) Directly or indirectly collaborates or consults with its subsidiary, branch or department on matters relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, including the amount of a contribution, when a contribution should be given, or what assistance, services or independent expenditures, or electioneering communications, if any, will be made or should be made in support of or opposition to a candidate.

(3) **Trade associations, labor unions, collective bargaining organizations.** Two or more entities are treated as a single entity if one of the two or more entities is a local unit or branch of a trade association, labor union or collective bargaining association that is participating in an election campaign or making contributions.

(4) A trade association, labor union or collective bargaining organization is participating in an election campaign if it:

(a) Makes either a monetary or in-kind contribution to a candidate;

(b) Makes an independent expenditure or electioneering communication;

(c) Endorses a candidate prior to contributions being made by a local unit or branch of the association, union or organization with respect to a candidate or that candidate's opponent;

(d) Makes a recommendation regarding whether a candidate should be supported or opposed prior to a contribution being made by a local unit or branch of the association, union or organization; or

(e) Directly or indirectly collaborates or consults with its local unit or branch on matters relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, including the amount of a contribution, when a contribution should be given, or what assistance, services or independent expenditures, or electioneering communications, if any, will be made or should be made in support of or opposition to a candidate.

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