

# **Beneficial State Bank**

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## **Disclosure Materials**

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire that B Lab deems relevant for public stakeholders, then, as a condition of their certification, the company must:

- Be transparent about details of the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue
- 3) Demonstrate that management practices are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future, when necessary.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit and integrity of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to a background check by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company

## **Disclosure Questionnaire**

### **Industries and Products**

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that apply.		
Animal Products or Services		<li></li>
Biodiversity Impacts		K
Chemicals		K
Disclosure Alcohol		$\checkmark$
Disclosure Firearms Weapons		$\checkmark$
Disclosure Mining		$\checkmark$
Disclosure Pornography		<li></li>
Disclosure Tobacco		$\checkmark$
Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries		$\checkmark$
Gambling		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Genetically Modified Organisms		$\checkmark$
Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out		$\checkmark$
Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations		
Monoculture Agriculture		$\checkmark$
Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending		$\checkmark$
Water Intensive Industries		$\checkmark$
Tax Advisory Services		$\checkmark$

### **Outcomes & Penalties**

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company has had any formal complaint to a regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the past five years for any of the following practices or policies. Check all that apply.		
Anti-Competitive Behavior		$\checkmark$
Breaches of Confidential Information		$\mathbf{\mathbf{Y}}$
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Company has filed for bankruptcy		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Consumer Protection		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		$\mathbf{Y}$
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		$\mathbf{k}$
Labor Issues		$\mathbf{Y}$
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		$\mathbf{k}$
Litigation or Arbitration	$\mathbf{N}$	
On-Site Fatality		$\checkmark$
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		
Political Contributions or International Affairs		$\mathbf{Y}$
Recalls		$\mathbf{\mathbf{Y}}$
Significant Layoffs	$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		$\checkmark$
Other		$\mathbf{Y}$

#### Practices

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the following statements are true regarding whether or not the company engages in the following practices. Check all that apply. If the statement is true, select "Yes." If false, select "No."		
Animal Testing		$\checkmark$
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		$\checkmark$
Company workers are prisoners		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Confirmation of Right to Work		$\searrow$
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
No signed employment contracts for all workers		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{$

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		$\checkmark$
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		$\checkmark$
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		$\mathbf{\langle}$
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		$\checkmark$
Workers paid below minimum wage		K
Workers Under Bond		K
Other	$\checkmark$	

### Supply Chain Disclosures

	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers.		
Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Child or Forced Labor		$\checkmark$
Negative Environmental Impact		$\checkmark$
Negative Social Impact		$\checkmark$
Other		$\checkmark$

## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

# Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Litigation, Arbitration, Penalties, and/or Regulatory Complaints

Beneficial State Bank reported having 2 material litigation filed against the company related to the following issues: contract dispute. Those cases had repercussions in the last five years.

Legal disputes, arbitration, penalties and regulatory complaints can adversely affect external stakeholders by disrupting customer service, causing uncertainty and financial negative impacts for suppliers and employees, and diminishing investor confidence. Additionally, these issues may damage the company's reputation, and result in broader economic and regulatory repercussions. Certified B Corps must make their involvement in Litigation, Arbitration, Penalties, and Regulatory complaints transparent under their B Corp Profile.

## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

# Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Significant Layoffs of >20% of the Workforce

Beneficial State Bank experienced significant layoffs of more than 20% of the workforce within the last five years. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent when such practices have occurred.

## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Other - Clients in Controversial** Industries

Торіс	Clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Beneficial State Bank is a deposit bank that has had clients in the Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials industry. The nature of the company's services with clients in these industries has been related to banking services, all services can be sold to both controversial as well as non-controversial industries.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	The revenue from their single client that operates in the Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials industry represented 0.07% in FY23-24.
Impact on Stakeholders	Companies that work with clients in controversial industries can indirectly increase the harmful impact to stakeholders by enabling business growth. Therefore, companies that work with clients in these industries should have practices in place to ensure that their impact is aimed at decreasing the negative impacts of the industry.
	B Lab has flagged the involvement of companies with clients in controversial industries as a material issue and new standards will be created to address possible risks related to this matter.
Implemented Management Practices	The company avoids working with clients in controversial industries as defined by B Lab. The only client they have in these industries is improving the waste management process for hazardous materials, which they deem as beneficial. The company does not work with companies that participate in activities that are contra mission, but will if they participate in activities that are mission neutral, with 75% of their lending being considered mission positive.
	The company continues to gather information on their potential clients, and if it finds that the client is in a sensitive industry or has activities that the company does not align with, they will not continue to do business with that client. Currently, the company does not have a formalized due diligence process to ensure that the services provided by the company are not used for harming people and the environment. But as a relationship-based bank, the company does take the time to learn about their clients in their effort to avoid contra-mission relationships.

The company does not have a supplier code of conduct.