

## Metadata Description

### Data Dictionary - Candidate to Committee Linkage File

#### General Description

This file contains one record for each candidate to committee linkage.

#### Header file and file format information

A comma delimited header file is available for [download](#).

The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal). The Candidate to Committee Linkage file contains the following information:

Column Name	Field Name	Position	Null?	Data Type	Description
CAND_ID	Candidate Identification	1	N	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a candidate by the Federal Election Commission. The candidate ID for a specific candidate remains the same across election cycles as long as the candidate is running for the same office.
CAND_ELECTION_YR	Candidate Election Year	2	N	NUMBER (4)	Candidate's election year
FEC_ELECTION_YR	FEC Election Year	3	N	NUMBER (4)	Active 2-year period
CMTE_ID	Committee Identification	4	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a committee by the Federal Election Commission. The committee ID for a specific committee always remains the same.
CMTE_TP	Committee Type	5	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	<a href="#">List of committee type codes</a>
CMTE_DSGN	Committee Designation	6	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	A = Authorized by a candidate B = Lobbyist/Registrant PAC D = Leadership PAC J = Joint fundraiser P = Principal campaign committee of a candidate U = Unauthorized
LINKAGE_ID	Linkage ID	7	N	NUMBER (12)	Unique link ID