Example of a Flat or Non-Interactive PDF Form

A flat PDF form will look like a form but will not have form fields for you to fill in. How can you tell if the form is flat or fillable?

- Look at the top of the PDF for the purple document message bar. This bar lets you highlight fields and may provide additional information and options. Click the words *Highlight Fields* to see where fillable fields exist in the PDF.
- Hover the Hand tool over an area that looks like it might be a field. If the Hand changes to an I-beam or cursor you should be able to click in the field and type.

How can you make a flat form fillable or interactive?

Creating interactive PDF forms requires Adobe Acrobat. The free Adobe Reader does not provide this functionality.

- Use the Form Wizard in Acrobat 9 to create the form fields.
- If you have Acrobat, not just the Adobe Reader, you can use the Typewriter tool to add text to the form.

