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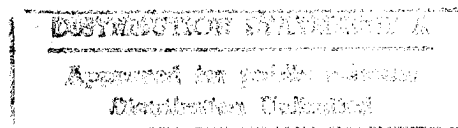
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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

1-100. Single Source of Guidance. This Regulation provides a single source of standards of ethical conduct and ethics guidance, including direction in the areas of financial and employment disclosure systems, post-employment rules, enforcement, and training.

1-101. Disclaimer. A violation of this Regulation does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any person against the U.S., its agencies, its officers or employees, or any other person.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

1-200. Administrative Officer. The individual responsible for the administrative control of personnel within a unit or office, including assistance with training, travel, or personnel actions for individuals of the unit or office.

1-201. Agency. A DoD Component as follows: Department of the Army; Department of the Navy; Department of the Air Force; Defense Commissary Agency; Defense Contract Audit Agency; Defense Finance and Accounting Service; Defense Intelligence Agency; Defense Investigative Service; Defense Logistics Agency; Defense Mapping Agency; Defense Nuclear Agency; Defense Information Systems Agency; National Security Agency; Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG, DoD); and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Employees of DoD Components not designated as separate Agencies, including employees of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), shall be treated as employees of DoD which shall be treated as a separate Agency.

1-202. Agency Designee. The first supervisor who is a commissioned military officer or a civilian above GS/GM-11 in the chain of command or supervision of the DoD employee concerned. Except in remote locations, the Agency Designee may act only after consultation with his local Ethics Counselor. For any military officer in grade O-7 or above who is in command and any civilian Presidential appointee confirmed by the Senate, the Agency Designee is his Ethics Counselor.

1-203. Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official (Alternate DAEO). An employee of a DoD Agency who has been appointed by the DoD Component Head to serve

in the absence of the DoD Component Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO).

1-204. Competing Defense Contractor. See Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 3.104-4(b) (reference (a)) in Appendix B of this Regulation or 41 U.S.C. 423(p)(2) (reference (b)).

1-205. Conduct of a Procurement. See FAR 3.104-4(c) (reference (a)) in Appendix B of this Regulation or 41 U.S.C. 423(p)(1) (reference (b)).

1-206. DAEO or Designee. This phrase refers to the Designated Agency Ethics Official, or to the Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official, Deputy Designated Agency Ethics Official, or Ethics Counselor who has been delegated specific written authority by the DoD Component DAEO to perform specific functions on behalf of the DoD Component DAEO.

* 1-207. Defense Contractor. Any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or other legal non-Federal entity that enters into a contract directly with DoD or a DoD Component to furnish services, supplies, or both, including construction. Subcontractors are excluded unless they are separate legal non-Federal entities that contract directly with DoD or a DoD Component in their own names. Foreign governments or representatives of foreign governments that are engaged in selling to DoD or a DoD Component are defense contractors when acting in that context. *

1-208. Deputy Designated Agency Ethics Official (Deputy DAEO). An employee of a DoD Agency who has been appointed, in writing, by the DoD Component DAEO and who has been delegated written authority by that DoD Component DAEO to act on his behalf.

* 1-209. Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO). A DoD employee appointed, in writing, by the Head of the DoD Agency to administer the provisions of Pub. L. 95-521 (reference (c)) and this Regulation. *

1-210. DoD Component. OSD; the Military Departments; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff; the Unified and Specified Commands; IG, DoD; the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; the Defense Agencies; the DoD Field Activities; the Combined Commands and Agencies; and the Special Activities, including non-appropriated fund instrumentalities. See subsection 1-201 of this Regulation, above, for those DoD Components that are Agencies.

1-211. DoD Employee

a. Any DoD civilian officer or employee (including special

Government employees) of any DoD Component (including any non-appropriated fund activity).

b. Any active duty Regular or Reserve military officer, including warrant officers.

c. Any active duty enlisted member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps.

d. Any Reserve or National Guard member on active duty under orders issued pursuant to title 10, United States Code.

e. Any Reserve or National Guard member while performing official duties or functions under the authority of either title 10 or title 32, United States Code, or while engaged in any activity related to the performance of such duties or functions, including any time the member uses his Reserve or National Guard of the United States title or position, or any authority derived therefrom.

f. Any faculty member in a civil service position or hired pursuant to title 10, United States Code, and any student (including a cadet or midshipman) of an academy, college, university, or school of DoD.

g. Consistent with labor agreements and international treaties and agreements, and host country laws, any foreign national working for a DoD Component except those hired pursuant to a defense contract.

1-212. DoD Supplement. Subsections 2-200 through 2-207 of this Regulation contain the DoD Supplement of 5 C.F.R. 2635 (reference (d)), which is reproduced in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

1-213. Employment. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.603(a) (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

1-214. Ethics Counselor. The DoD Component DAEO, Alternate DAEO, Deputy DAEO, or a DoD employee appointed in writing by the DoD Component DAEO or designee to generally assist in implementing and administering the DoD Component command's or organization's ethics program and to provide ethics advice to DoD employees of the DoD Component command or organization in accordance with this Regulation. Except for a DoD Component DAEO, Alternate DAEO, or Deputy DAEO, a DoD employee appointed as an Ethics Counselor shall only serve as a "DAEO or designee" when he has been delegated

specific written authority by the DoD Component DAEO to perform specific functions on behalf of the DoD Component DAEO. Except for a DoD Component DAEO, Alternate DAEO, or Deputy DAEO, a DoD employee appointed as an Ethics Counselor shall be an attorney. Legal assistance officers (or equivalent) who also serve as Ethics Counselors must clearly separate these roles. Communications received in an Ethics Counselor capacity are not protected by the attorney-client privilege while communications received in a legal assistance capacity may be. Attorneys who serve as Ethics Counselors must advise individuals being counseled as to the status of that privilege prior to any communications. The term "Ethics Counselor" includes "agency ethics official" as used by the Office of Government Ethics (OGE). See 5 C.F.R. 2635.102.(c) (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

1-215. Ethics Oversight Committee (EOC). A working group composed of the DoD Component DAEOs, or their representatives, and representatives of the CJCS, and the Judge Advocates General of the Military Departments.

1-216. Former DoD Employee. Any individual defined in subsection 1-211 of this Regulation, above, after termination of active duty or termination of on DoD service, including Reserve military officers who served on active duty for more than 130 days and who are no longer on active duty, or who are in an inactive or retired status.

1-217. Gratuity. Gifts as defined in 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b) (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

1-218. He, His, Him, Himself. These pronouns include she, hers, her and herself.

1-219. Head of DoD Component Command or Organization. A commander, commanding officer, or other military or civilian DoD employee who exercises command authority within a DoD Component.

1-220. Major Defense Contractor. Any non-Federal entity which, during the preceding fiscal year, received defense contracts in a total amount equal to or greater than \$10 million.

1-221. Non-Federal Entity. A non-Federal entity is generally a self-sustaining, non-Federal person or organization, established, operated and controlled by any individual(s) acting outside the scope of any official capacity as officers, employees or agents of the Federal Government. A non-Federal entity may operate on DoD installations if approved by the installation commander or higher authority under applicable regulations.

1-222. Non-Public Information. Information generally not available to the public, obtained in the course of one's official DoD duties or position, which would normally

* not be releasable under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552 (reference (e)). The *
 * term "non-public information" includes "inside information," "proprietary information," and *
 * "source selection information." See 5 C.F.R. 2635.703 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of *
 * this Regulation, DoD Directive 5400.7 (reference (f)), and FAR 3.104-4(j) and (k) and 3.104-5 *
 * (reference (a)) in Appendix B of this Regulation.

* 1-223. Office of Government Ethics. The Federal Government agency *
 * responsible for overall direction and leadership concerning Executive Branch policies related to *
 * ethics in the Federal Government. See 5 C.F.R. 2638 (reference (g)) in subsection 11-100 of *
 * this Regulation.

* 1-224. Personal and Substantial. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.402(b)(4) *
 * (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation. *

* 1-225. Personal Commercial Solicitation. Any effort to contact an *
 * individual to conduct or transact matters involving unofficial business, finance, or commerce. *
 * This does not include off-duty employment of DoD employees employed in retail *
 * establishments. See DoD Directive 1344.7 (reference (h)). *

* 1-226. Procurement Official. See FAR 3.104-4(h) (reference (a)) in *
 * Appendix B of this Regulation.

* 1-227. Prohibited Source. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(d) (reference (d)) in *
 * subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

* 1-228. Qualified Individual. See 5 C.F.R. 2638.702(a)(2) (reference (g)) *
 * in subsection 11-100 of this Regulation.

* 1-229. Reserve Military Officer. An individual who currently holds an *
 * appointment in the Reserve of a Military Department, or is a military officer of the National *
 * Guard with Federal Government recognition.

* 1-230. Retired Military Officer. Any military officer entitled to receive *
 * military retired pay, even though such pay may be waived or pending.

* 1-231. Senior DoD Official. For purposes of 18 U.S.C. 207 *
 * (reference (i)), a DoD employee: *

(i) [E]mployed at a rate of pay specified in or fixed according to
 subchapter 11 of chapter 53 of [United States Code,] title 5

* [(reference (e))]; *

* (ii) [E]mployed in a position which is not referred to in clause a.
and for which the basic rate of pay, exclusive of any locality-based
pay adjustment under section 5305 of [United States Code,] title 5
[(reference (e))] (or any comparable adjustment pursuant to interim
authority of the President), is equal to or greater than the rate of
basic pay payable for level V of the Executive Schedule;

* (iii) [A]ppointed by the President to a position under section
105(a)(2)(B) of [United States Code,] title 3 [(reference (j))] or by
the Vice President to a position under section 106(a)(1)(B) of
[United States Code,] title 3 [(reference (j))]; or *

* (iv) [E]mployed in a position which is held by an active duty
commissioned officer of the uniformed services who is serving in a
grade or rank for which the pay grade (as specified in section 201
of [United States Code,] title 37 [(reference (k))] is pay grade 0-7
or above. *

* See 18 U.S.C. 207(c)(2) (reference (i)). *

* 1-232. Special Government Employee. An individual who is retained,
designated, appointed, or employed to perform, with or without compensation, for a period not
to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, temporary duties either on a
full-time or intermittent basis. The term also includes a Reserve military officer who is serving
on active duty involuntarily or for training for any length of time, and one who is serving
voluntarily on active duty for training for 130 days or less. It does not include enlisted
members; however, for the purposes of this Regulation, enlisted members shall be considered
special Government employees to the same extent that military officers are included in the
meaning of the term.

* 1-233. Travel Benefits. Travel related gifts, including in kind subsistence
and accommodations and payments or reimbursements of expenses, from non-Federal sources. *

SECTION 3. GENERAL POLICY

1-300. DoD Policy. It is DoD policy that:

a. A single, uniform source of standards of ethical conduct and
ethics guidance shall be maintained within DoD, and each DoD Agency shall implement and
administer a comprehensive ethics program to ensure compliance with such standards and

guidance;

b. Although OGE regulations, reprinted in this Regulation, do not apply to enlisted members of DoD, the provisions of 5 C.F.R. 2634 (reference (l)) in subsection 7-100 of this Regulation, 5 C.F.R. 2635 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, 5 C.F.R. 2638 (reference (g)) in subsection 11-100 of this Regulation, 5 C.F.R. 2639 (reference (m)) in subsection 5-100 of this Regulation, 5 C.F.R. 2640 (reference (n)) in subsection 5-200 of this Regulation, 5 C.F.R. 2641 (reference (o)) in subsection 9-200 of this Regulation, are determined to be appropriate for enlisted members and are hereby made applicable to enlisted members as if the terms "employee," and "special Government employee," as used in those OGE regulations, include enlisted members to the same extent that military officers are included within the meaning of those terms. The following exception applies:

(1) Certain criminal statutes, 18 U.S.C. 203, 205, 207, 208, and 209, (reference (i)), and related provisions of OGE regulations, do not apply to enlisted members. Provisions similar to those of 18 U.S.C. 208 and 209 (reference (i)) apply to enlisted members as follows:

(a) Except as approved by the DoD Component DAEO or designee, an enlisted member, including an enlisted special Government employee, shall not participate personally and substantially as part of his official DoD duties, in any particular matter in which he, his spouse, minor child, partner, entity in which he is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, or any entity with which he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment, has a financial interest;

(b) An enlisted member, except an enlisted special Government employee, shall not receive any salary or supplementation of his Federal Government salary, from any entity other than the Federal Government or as may be contributed out of the treasury of any State, county, or municipality, for his services to the Federal Government.

c. DoD employees shall become familiar with all ethics provisions, including the standards set out in E.O. 12674 (reference (p)) in subsection 12-100 of this Regulation, and comply with them;

d. DoD employees shall become familiar with the scope of and authority for the official activities for which they are responsible. Sound judgment must be exercised. All DoD employees must be prepared to account fully for the manner in which that judgment has been exercised;

e. If the propriety of a proposed action or decision is in question for any reason, DoD employees shall seek guidance from a DoD Component legal counsel, the DoD Component DAEO or designee, or Ethics Counselor, as appropriate;

f. Individual conduct, official programs and daily activities within DoD shall be accomplished lawfully and ethically;

g. DoD employees shall adhere strictly to DoD policy of equal opportunity, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, or handicap, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 4. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1-400. The Head of each DoD Component shall:

a. Exercise personal leadership and take personal responsibility through the DoD Component DAEO or designee for establishing and maintaining the DoD Component's ethics program and be personally accountable for the DoD Component's compliance with every requirement of this Regulation, including the ethics and procurement integrity training requirements;

b. When authorized, appoint a DoD Component DAEO, through a formal written delegation of authority, who is qualified to oversee and supervise the DoD Component's ethics programs for DoD employees, both civilian and military. (The GC, DoD, may serve as the DAEO for several DoD Components);

c. When authorized, appoint a DoD Component Alternate DAEO who shall serve in the absence of the DoD Component DAEO;

d. Provide sufficient resources (including funding and investigative, audit, legal, training and administrative staff) to enable the DoD Component DAEO or designee to implement and administer the DoD Component's ethics programs in a positive and effective manner.

1-401. Each DoD Component Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) shall:

a. Be responsible for the implementation and administration of all aspects of the DoD Component ethics program and manage and oversee local implementation and administration of all matters relating to ethics covered by this Regulation.

b. Appoint DoD Component Deputy DAEOs and Ethics

Counselors and delegate to them written authority to act on behalf of the DoD Component DAEO;

c. Ensure that ethics advice (and facts relied upon for such advice) is in writing, when practicable;

* d. Ensure that written opinions regarding the applicability of 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (b)) are provided within 30 days of request by any DoD employee provided that the request is accompanied by complete and full information necessary to render an opinion; *

e. Ensure the proper collection, review, and handling of the DoD Component's financial and employment disclosure reports, including those submitted by Presidential appointees for confirmation purposes;

f. Be responsible for the implementation and administration of ethics and procurement integrity training and ensure that necessary resources are available to accomplish such training;

g. Provide periodic ethics and procurement integrity training for Ethics Counselors;

h. Certify Qualified Individuals to conduct ethics training;

i. Assist Agency Designees, through the chain of command or supervision, in initiating prompt, effective action to evaluate and process violations, potential violations, and appearances of violations of ethics laws or regulations, in accordance with applicable procedures as discussed in Chapter 10 of this Regulation;

j. Provide advice and assistance to DoD employees of the DoD Component not otherwise served by a local Ethics Counselor;

k. Oversee and coordinate local ethics programs through a system for periodic evaluation and ensure that the DoD Component provides and maintains sufficient funding, staff, space and resources to administer the DoD Component's ethics programs;

l. Maintain liaison with the DoD EOC, OGE, and the DoD Standards of Conduct Office (SOCO), and provide to SOCO and OGE all information required by law or regulation;

m. Represent the DoD Component to OGE, Congress, the Executive Branch and the public on matters relating to ethics and standards of conduct.

1-402. Each DoD Component Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official (Alternate DAEO) shall serve in the absence of the DoD Component DAEO and, when so serving, is authorized to take any action this Regulation indicates may be taken only by the DoD Component DAEO.

1-403. Each DoD Component Deputy Designated Agency Ethics Official (Deputy DAEO) shall serve on behalf of the DoD Component DAEO consistent with written delegation of authority from the DoD Component DAEO.

1-404. The head of each DoD Component command or organization shall:

- a. Exercise personal leadership and take personal responsibility for establishing and maintaining the command's or organization's ethics program in coordination with the command's or organization's Ethics Counselors;
- b. Be personally accountable for the command's or organization's ethics program, including its ethics and procurement integrity training program, and the command's or organization's compliance with every requirement of this Regulation;
- c. Provide sufficient resources to enable the command's or organization's Ethics Counselors to implement and administer the local aspects of the command's or organization's ethics program in a positive and effective manner;
- d. Ensure the prompt resolution of any actual or apparent conflict of interest involving a DoD employee of the command or organization;
- e. Direct Administrative Officers (or equivalent) of the command or organization to ensure that the position descriptions of the DoD Component command or organization indicate if financial disclosure report filing, annual ethics training or procurement integrity training is required and ensure the accuracy of personnel data provided by the Director of the DoD Component personnel office on DoD employees of the command or organization;
- f. Direct Administrative Officers (or equivalent) of the command or organization to coordinate with the DoD Component DAEO or designee to develop lists of all DoD employees of the command or organization who are required to receive ethics and procurement integrity training, schedule such training, annotate such lists to indicate when required training was accomplished and retain annotated lists for three years;

* g. Ensure that DoD employees of the command or organization who are in positions requiring the filing of SF 450, "Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports," Appendix C of this Regulation, do so in a timely manner; *

h. Ensure that DoD employees of the command or organization attend required ethics and procurement integrity training.

1-405. The General Counsel of each DoD Component shall:

- a. Serve as the DAEO for the DoD Component unless otherwise delegated;
- b. Support all aspects of the ethics program of the DoD Component;
- c. Provide legal guidance and assistance to the DoD Component DAEO or designee.

1-406. The Judge Advocate General of each Military Department shall:

- a. Provide legal guidance and assistance to Ethics Counselors under his supervision;
- b. Support all aspects of the ethics program of the Military Department.

1-407. The General Counsel, DoD (GC, DoD) shall:

- a. Maintain the DoD SOCO and provide sufficient resources to enable SOCO to oversee and coordinate DoD Component ethics programs, to produce reports required by Congress and maintain report data, and to manage the DoD EOC;
- b. Represent DoD as a whole to OGE, Congress, the Executive Branch, and the public when called upon to do so on matters relating to ethics policy;
- c. Have the authority to incorporate changes to Government-wide regulations that are reprinted in this Regulation without formal coordination.

1-408. Each Agency Designee shall:

a. In accordance with subsection 3-306 of this Regulation, provide prior approval or disapproval of outside activities by DoD employees under his responsibility;

b. Receive and appropriately process reports of suspected violations of ethics statutes or regulations and possible conflicts of interest;

c. Receive and appropriately process reports of non-compliance with the filing requirements of Chapter 7 of this Regulation;

* d. Perform all the other duties of an Agency Designee established in this Regulation and in 5 C.F.R. 2635 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation; *

e. Annually determine those positions under his responsibility that require the filing of SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, and annual ethics and procurement integrity training.

1-409. The DoD Standards of Conduct Office (SOCO) shall:

a. Manage the DoD EOC and call periodic meetings to consider current issues in ethics and standards of conduct;

b. Coordinate DoD Component ethics programs, including providing uniform guidance and training material;

c. Collect and publish important written opinions from DoD Components, when practicable, to promote uniformity of ethics opinions throughout DoD;

d. Monitor and assist DoD Component DAEs in ensuring effective corrective action is taken to remedy violations, potential violations and the appearance of violations of ethics laws or this Regulation;

e. Certify Qualified Individuals to conduct ethics training who may be used by DoD Components;

f. Make ethics and procurement integrity training for ethics trainers available on an ongoing basis to ensure that Qualified Individuals are uniformly prepared to provide such training;

g. Distribute ethics and procurement integrity training material to all DoD Component DAEs for use in all types of ethics and procurement integrity training;

h. In the interest of Federal Government efficiency and economy, establish and maintain a resource center of ethics and procurement integrity materials (including training materials) developed by DoD Components.

1-410. The DoD Ethics Oversight Committee (EOC) shall:

- a. Meet periodically, as necessary;
- b. Consider general ethics issues or current issues and make recommendations to promote uniformity of ethics opinions throughout DoD;
- c. Provide recommendations to DoD Component DAEOs on particular ethics matters in accordance with this Regulation;
- d. Provide recommendations for DoD input on proposed ethics legislation and regulations.

1-411. The Director, Washington Headquarters Services shall:

- a. Prepare an annual report listing all the defense contractors that have been awarded \$25,000 or more in defense contracts during the fiscal year;
- b. Distribute the annual report to the DoD Component DAEOs not later than December 31 following the end of the fiscal year.

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1-412. Each Ethics Counselor shall:

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- a. Provide written and oral advice, counseling, and assistance to his DoD Component command or organization and to the DoD employees of his DoD Component command or organization, on all ethics matters, particularly areas covered by this Regulation and related statutes and regulations;
- b. Request assistance, through appropriate channels, from the DoD Component DAEO or designee on any matter that cannot be resolved locally;
- c. Maintain a current copy of this Regulation, and all changes, for review by any DoD employee;
- d. Maintain a thorough understanding of current DoD ethics policy through contact with the DoD Component DAEO, attendance at periodic ethics training

courses, and other appropriate methods;

e. Promptly provide a copy to the DoD Component DAEO of precedental written decisions to assist uniformity throughout the DoD Components;

f. Perform other duties as assigned by written delegation from the DoD Component DAEO;

g. Review financial disclosure reports in accordance with Chapter 7 of this Regulation.

* 1-413. The Inspector General of each DoD Component shall: *

a. Investigate ethics matters arising in the DoD Component, and refer any such matters that involve suspected criminal violations to the appropriate criminal investigative office of the DoD Component;

b. Report to the DoD Component DAEO or designee on investigations that result in referrals to the Department of Justice (DoJ) and on disciplinary actions that must be reported in response to the OGC annual ethics survey;

c. Ensure inspectors and agents are educated in ethics matters to ensure appropriate handling of ethics related cases and calls;

* 1-414. The Director of each DoD Component Personnel Office (or equivalent) shall: *

a. Provide the DoD Component DAEO or designee such personnel data on DoD employees, both civilian and military, as may be required by the DoD Component DAEO or designee;

b. Assign personnel action officers the responsibility of providing the required information at local levels;

c. In coordination with the DoD Component DAEO or designee, establish procedures to inform new DoD employees of their obligation to receive ethics and procurement integrity training as required;

d. In coordination with the DoD Component DAEO or designee, establish out-processing procedures and records to advise DoD employees of available counseling regarding post-employment and procurement integrity restrictions prior to departure from DoD;

e. In coordination with the DoD Component DAEO or designee, establish procedures to advise incoming and outgoing DoD employees of their financial and employment disclosure reporting obligations.

* 1-415. The Administrative Officer (or equivalent) of each DoD Component command and organization shall: *

* a. Ensure that each position description of the DoD Component command or organization indicates if an SF 278, "Public Financial Disclosure Report," or SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, and annual ethics and procurement integrity training are required so prospective or new DoD employees are on notice of such requirements prior to employment; *

b. Upon the request of the DAEO or designee, ensure the accuracy of personnel data provided by the Director of the DoD Component personnel office on DoD employees of the DoD Component command or organization;

c. In coordination with the DoD Component DAEO or designee, develop a list of all DoD employees within the DoD Component command or organization who are required to receive ethics and procurement integrity training;

d. In coordination with the DoD Component DAEO or designee, ensure that DoD employees of the DoD Component command or organization are scheduled to receive required ethics and procurement integrity training;

e. Annotate such list to indicate when required training was accomplished and retain annotated list for three years.

* 1-416. Each DoD Employee shall: *

* a. Abide by the ethical principles established by E.O. 12674 (reference (p)), in subsection 12-100 of this Regulation, ethics statutes, and the ethics regulations promulgated by OGE and the DoD thereunder; *

b. Set a personal example for fellow DoD employees in performing official duties within the highest ethical standards;

c. Report suspected violations of ethics regulations in accordance with subsection 10-200 of this Regulation;

- d. Perform all official duties so as to facilitate Federal Government efficiency and economy;
- e. Attend ethics and procurement integrity training as required;
- f. File financial and employment disclosure reports as required.

SECTION 5. REFERENCES

1-500. References

- (a) Federal Acquisition Regulation, Part 3.104, current edition
- (b) Title 41, United States Code, Section 423
- (c) Public Law 95-521, "Ethics in Government Act of 1978,"
October 26, 1978, as amended
- (d) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2635, "Standards
of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch,"
current edition
- (e) Title 5, United States Code, Chapter 53, Subchapter 11, and
Sections 552 and 5305
- (f) DoD Directive 5400.7, "DoD Freedom of Information Act
Program," May 13, 1988
- (g) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2638, "Office of
Government Ethics and Executive Agency Ethics Program
Responsibilities," current edition
- (h) DoD Directive 1344.7, "Personal Commercial Solicitation on
DoD Installations," February 13, 1986
- (i) Title 18, United States Code, Sections 203, 205, 207, 208,
and 209
- (j) Title 3, United States Code, Sections 105 and 106
- (k) Title 37, United States Code, Section 201
- (l) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2634, "Financial
Disclosures, Qualified Trusts, and Certificates of Divestiture
for Executive Branch Employees," current edition
- (m) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2639,
"Interpretation of 18 U.S.C. 209," current edition
- (n) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2640,
"Interpretation of 18 U.S.C. 208," current edition
- (o) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2641,
"Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions," current
edition
- (p) Executive Order 12674, "Principles of Ethical Conduct for

Government Officers and Employees," April 12, 1989, as
amended

SECTION 2. DoD SUPPLEMENT TO 5 C.F.R. PART 2635 (reference (a))

2-200. **Purpose.** In accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.105 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, the provisions in this Regulation apply to employees of the Department of Defense (DoD) and supplement the "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch" contained in 5 C.F.R. 2635 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation. DoD employees are required to comply with 5 C.F.R. 2635 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, this Regulation, and implementing guidance and procedures.

2-201. Designation of Separate Agency Components

a. Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(a) (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, each of the following Components of DoD is designated as a separate Agency for purposes of the provisions in 5 C.F.R. 2635 Subpart B (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, governing gifts from outside sources and 5 C.F.R. 2635.807 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, governing teaching, speaking and writing:

- (1) Department of the Army;
- (2) Department of the Navy;
- (3) Department of the Air Force;
- (4) Defense Commissary Agency;
- (5) Defense Contract Audit Agency;
- (6) Defense Finance and Accounting Service;
- (7) Defense Information Systems Agency;
- (8) Defense Intelligence Agency;
- (9) Defense Investigative Service;
- (10) Defense Logistics Agency;
- (11) Defense Mapping Agency;
- (12) Defense Nuclear Agency;

- (13) National Security Agency;
- (14) Office of the Inspector General;
- (15) Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences;
- (16) Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals

b. Employees of DoD Components not designated as separate

Agencies, including employees of OSD, will be treated as employees of DoD which shall be treated as a single Agency that is separate from the above listed agencies for purposes of determining whether the donor of a gift is a prohibited source under 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(d) (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, and for identifying the DoD employee's Agency under 5 C.F.R. 2635.807 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, governing teaching, speaking and writing.

2-202. Additional Exceptions for Gifts from Outside Sources. In addition to the

gifts which come within the exceptions set forth in 5 C.F.R. 2635.204 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, and subject to all provisions of 5 C.F.R. 2635.201 through 2635.205 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, a DoD employee may accept gifts from outside sources otherwise prohibited by 5 C.F.R. 2635.202(a) (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, as follows:

a. Events Sponsored by States, Local Governments or Civic

Organizations. A DoD employee may accept a sponsor's unsolicited gift of free attendance for himself and an accompanying spouse at an event sponsored by a State or local government or by a civic organization exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4) (reference (b)), when:

(1) The Agency Designee has determined that the community relations interests of the Agency will be served by the DoD employee's attendance;

(2) The cost of the DoD employee's and the spouse's attendance is provided by the sponsor in accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(5) (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation; and

(3) The gift of free attendance meets the definition in 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(4) (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

b. Scholarships and Grants. A DoD employee, or the dependent of

a DoD employee, may accept an educational scholarship or grant from an entity that does not have interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or non-performance of the DoD employee's official duties, or from an association or similar entity that does not have a majority of

2-206. Prior Approval for Outside Employment and Business Activities

a. A DoD employee, other than a special Government employee, who is required to file a financial disclosure report, SF 450 or SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, shall obtain written approval from the Agency Designee before engaging in a business activity or compensated outside employment with a prohibited source, unless general approval has been given in accordance with subsection 2-206(b) of this Regulation, below. Approval shall be granted unless a determination is made that the business activity or compensated outside employment is expected to involve conduct prohibited by statute or regulation. Also see subsection 2-303 of this Regulation, below.

(1) Business activity means any business, contractual or other financial relationship not involving the provision of personal services by the DoD employee. It does not include a routine commercial transaction or the purchase of an asset or interest, such as common stock, that is available to the general public.

(2) Employment means any form of non-Federal employment or business relationship involving the provision of personal services by the DoD employee. It includes, but is not limited to, personal services as an officer, director, employee, agent, attorney, consultant, contractor, general partner or trustee.

(3) Prohibited source has the meaning set forth in 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(d) (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, as modified by the separate DoD Component Agency designations in subsection 2-201 of this Regulation, above.

b. The DoD Component DAEO or designee may, by a written notice, exempt categories of business activities or employment from the requirement of subsection 2-206(a) of this Regulation, above, for prior approval based on a determination that business activities or employment within those categories would generally be approved and are not likely to involve conduct prohibited by statute or regulation.

2-207. Disclaimer for Speeches and Writings Devoted to Agency Matters. *A DoD employee who uses or permits the use of his military grade or who includes or permits the inclusion of his title or position as one of several biographical details given to identify himself in connection with teaching, speaking or writing, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.807(b) (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, shall make a disclaimer if the subject of the teaching, speaking or writing deals in significant part with any ongoing or announced policy, program or operation of the DoD employee's Agency, as defined in subsection 2-201 of this Regulation, above, and the DoD employee has not been authorized by appropriate Agency authority to present that material as the Agency's position. The disclaimer shall be made as follows:*

a. The required disclaimer shall expressly state that the views presented are those of the speaker or author and do not necessarily represent the views of DoD or its Components;

b. Where a disclaimer is required for an article, book or other writing, the disclaimer shall be printed in a reasonably prominent position in the writing itself;

c. Where a disclaimer is required for a speech or other oral presentation, the disclaimer may be given orally provided it is given at the beginning of the oral presentation.

SECTION 3. DoD GUIDANCE

2-300. Gifts

a. Procurement Officials. In addition to the restrictions on gifts in 5 C.F.R. 2635, Subpart B (reference (a)) in subsections 2-100 and 2-202 of this Regulation, procurement officials are subject to the gift acceptance restrictions of the procurement integrity statute. See 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (c)) and FAR 3.104 (reference (d)) in Appendix B of this Regulation.

b. Gifts from Foreign Governments. There are special DoD rules governing gifts from foreign governments. See 5 U.S.C. 7342 (reference (e)) and DoD Directive 1005.13 (reference (f)). For the purposes of gifts from foreign governments, the following interpretations apply:

(1) The values of gifts from different officials of the same foreign government during the same presentation shall be aggregated and such gifts are considered to be from that foreign government. A gift from the spouse of a representative or official of a foreign government is deemed a gift from the representative or official. A gift given to the spouse of the DoD employee is deemed a gift to the DoD employee. Conditions and exceptions regarding gifts to and from spouses in 5 U.S.C. 7342 (reference (e)) may apply.

(2) Gifts received at separate presentations, even on the same day or from the same official, are separate gifts and their values are not aggregated. When more than one gift is included in a single presentation, only those gifts with an aggregate of less than the minimum allowed may be retained by the DoD employee, the remainder to be disposed of in accordance with enclosure 2 of DoD Directive 1005.13 (reference (f)).

c. Ship Launch and Similar Ceremonies. Unless the gift is otherwise acceptable under an exception in 5 C.F.R. 2635, Subpart B (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, a DoD employee may not accept gifts in connection with a ceremony to mark the completion of a milestone in shipbuilding, aircraft completion, or similar vehicle launch or roll-out unless attendance is official and is approved by the head of the DoD Component command or organization and the gifts are limited to the following (see 5 U.S.C. 7301 note (reference (e))):

(1) Attendance at appropriate functions incident to the ceremony, such as a dinner preceding the ceremony and reception following it, and related food, hospitality and entertainment, as long as the function and related benefits are not lavish, excessive, or extravagant;

(2) Tangible gifts or mementos in connection with the ceremony to DoD employees, their spouses, and their dependent children, who are official participants in the ceremony, as long as the aggregate retail value does not exceed \$100 per family and the cost is not borne by the Federal Government. When such gifts exceed the \$100 limit, the recipient shall pursue one of the following alternatives:

- (a) Return the gift to the donor;
- (b) Retain the gift after reimbursing the donor the full value of the gift; or
- (c) Forward the gift to the appropriate DoD Component official for disposition as a gift to the Federal Government in

accordance with statute. See 10 U.S.C. 2601 (reference (g)).

2-301. Use of Federal Government Resources.

a. Communication Systems. See GSA regulation 41 C.F.R. Subpart 201-21.6 (reference (h)) on use of Federal Government telephone systems. *Federal Government communication systems and equipment (including Government owned telephones, facsimile machines, electronic mail, internet systems, and commercial systems when use is paid for by the Federal Government) shall be for official use and authorized purposes only.*

(1) Official use includes emergency communications and communications that the DoD Component determines are necessary in the interest of the Federal Government. Official use may include, when approved by theater commanders in the interest of morale and welfare, communications by military members and other DoD employees who are deployed for extended periods away from home on official DoD business.

(2) Authorized purposes include brief communications made by DoD employees while they are traveling on Government business to notify family members of official transportation or schedule changes. They also include personal communications from the DoD employee's usual work place that are most reasonably made while at the work place (such as checking in with spouse or minor children; scheduling doctor and auto or home repair appointments; brief internet searches; e-mailing directions to visiting relatives) when the Agency Designee permits categories of communications, determining that such communications:

(a) Do not adversely affect the performance of official duties by the DoD employee or the DoD employee's organization;

(b) Are of reasonable duration and frequency, and whenever possible, made during the DoD employee's personal time such as after duty hours or lunch periods;

(c) Serve a legitimate public interest (such as keeping DoD employees at their desks rather than requiring the use of commercial systems; educating the DoD employee on the use of the communications system; improving the morale of DoD employees stationed for extended periods away from home; enhancing the professional skills of the DoD employee; job-searching in response to Federal Government downsizing);

(d) Do not put Federal Government communications systems to uses that would reflect adversely on DoD or the DoD Component (such as uses involving pornography; chain letters; unofficial advertising, soliciting or selling except on authorized bulletin boards established for such use; violations of statute or regulation; inappropriately handled classified information; and other uses that are incompatible with public service); and

(e) Do not overburden the communication system (such as may be the case with broadcasts and group mailings), create no significant additional cost to DoD or the DoD Component, and in the case of long distance communications, charges are:

1 Charged to the DoD employee's home telephone

number or other non-Federal Government number
(third number call);

- 2 Made to a toll-free number;
- 3 Reversed to the called party if a non-Federal Government number (collect call);
- 4 Charged to a personal telephone credit card; or
- 5 Otherwise reimbursed to DoD or the DoD Component in accordance with established collection procedures;

(3) *In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, use of Federal Government communications systems may be monitored. See DoD Directives 4640.1 (reference (i)) and 4640.6 (reference (j)). DoD employees shall use Federal Government communications systems with the understanding that such use serves as consent to monitoring of any type of use, including incidental and personal uses, whether authorized or unauthorized.* In addition, use of such systems is not anonymous. For example, for each use of the internet over Federal Government systems, the name and computer address of the DoD employee user is recorded by the Government and also by the locations searched.

(4) *Most Federal Government communications systems are not secure. DoD employees shall not transmit classified information over any communication system unless it is transmitted using approved security procedures and practices (e.g., encryption, secure networks, secure workstations). In addition, DoD employees shall not release access information, such as passwords, to anyone unless specifically authorized to do so by the Agency Designee. See DoD Directives 5200.28 (reference (k)) and C-5200.5 (reference (l)). DoD employees should exercise extreme care when transmitting any sensitive information, or other valued data. Information transmitted over an open network (such as through unsecure e-mail, the internet, or telephone) may be accessible to anyone else on the network. Information transmitted through the internet or by e-mail, for example, is accessible to anyone in the chain of delivery. Internet information and e-mail messages may be re-sent to others by anyone in the chain.*

b. Other Federal Government Resources. Other than the use of Federal Government communications systems authorized in accordance with subsection 2-301.a. of this Regulation, above; the use of Federal Government resources as logistical support to non-Federal entity events in accordance with subsection 3-211 of this Regulation, below; and the use of Federal Government time authorized in accordance with subsection 3-300 of this Regulation, below; *Federal Government resources, including personnel, equipment, and property, shall be used by DoD employees for official purposes only, except as follows:*

(1) Agency Designees may permit their DoD employees to make limited personal use of Federal Government resources other than personnel, such as typewriters, calculators, libraries, and other similar resources and facilities, if the Agency Designee determines the following:

(a) The use does not adversely affect the performance of official duties by the DoD employee or the DoD employee's organization;

(b) The use is of reasonable duration and frequency, and made only during the DoD employee's personal time such after duty hours or lunch periods;

(c) The use serves a legitimate public interest (such as supporting local charities or volunteer services to the community; enhancing the professional skills of the DoD employee; job-searching in response to Federal Government downsizing);

(d) The use does not put Federal Government resources to uses that would reflect adversely on DoD or the DoD Component (such as involving commercial activities; unofficial advertising, soliciting or selling; violation of statute or regulation; and other uses that are incompatible with public service); and

(e) The use creates no significant additional cost to DoD or the DoD Component.

(2) The use of personnel for non-Federal purposes is regulated by subsections 3-211 and 3-305 of this Regulation, below.

2-302. Gambling

a. *A DoD employee shall not participate while on Federally-owned or leased property or while on duty (for military members, this means, in this context, present for duty) for the Federal Government in any gambling activity prohibited by 5 C.F.R. 735.201 (reference (m)) except:*

(1) *Activities necessitated by a DoD employee's law enforcement duties;*

(2) *Activities by organizations composed primarily of DoD employees or their dependents for the benefit of welfare funds for their own members or for the benefit of other DoD employees or their dependents, subject to the limitations of local law and subsections 3-210 and 3-211 of this Regulation, below, when approved by the Head of the DoD Component or designee;*

(3) *Private wagers among DoD employees if based on a personal relationship and transacted entirely within assigned Federal Government living quarters and within the limitations of local laws; or*

(4) *Purchases of lottery tickets authorized by any State from blind vendors licensed to operate vending facilities in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 107a(5) (reference (n)).*

b. Gambling with a subordinate may be a violation of Articles 133 and 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) (reference (g)).

c. Gambling may be prohibited by Federal Government building and grounds regulations, such as 32 C.F.R. Part 40b (reference (o)) which prohibits gambling in the Pentagon.

2-303. Outside Employment and Activity. In addition to subsection 2-206 of this Regulation, above, except to the extent that when procedures have been established by higher authority for

any class of DoD employee (e.g., DoD Directive 6025.7 (reference (p))), Agency Designees may require DoD employees under their jurisdiction to report any outside employment or activity prior to engaging in the employment or activity. See subsection 3-306 of this Regulation, below.

a. The commander, head of the organization, or supervisor may prohibit the employment or activity if he believes that the proposed outside activity will detract from readiness or pose a security risk.

b. If action is not taken to prohibit the employment or activity, the DoD employee is free to engage in the employment or activity in keeping with other restrictions of this Regulation.

2-304. Use of Military Title by Retirees or Reserves. Retired military members and members of Reserve Components, not on active duty, may use military titles in connection with commercial enterprises, provided they clearly indicate their retired or inactive Reserve status. However, any use of military titles is prohibited if it in any way casts discredit on DoD or gives the appearance of sponsorship, sanction, endorsement, or approval by DoD. In addition, in overseas areas, commanders may further restrict the use of titles by retired military members and members of Reserve Components.

SECTION 4. REFERENCES

2-400. References

- (a) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2635, "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch," current edition
- (b) Title 26, United States Code, Section 501
- (c) Title 41, United States Code, Section 423
- (d) Federal Acquisition Regulation, Part 3.104, current edition
- (e) Title 5, United States Code, Sections 7301 and 7342
- (f) DoD Directive 1005.13, "Gifts from Foreign Governments," October 13, 1988
- (g) Title 10, United States Code, Sections 801 through 940 (Uniform Code of Military Justice), and 2601
- (h) Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, 201-21.6, "Use of Government Telephone Systems," current edition
- (i) DoD Directive 4640.1, "Telephone Monitoring and Recording," January 15, 1980
- (j) DoD Directive 4640.6, "Communications Security Telephone Monitoring and Recording," June 26, 1981
- (k) DoD Directive 5200.28, "Security Requirements for Automated Information Systems," March 21, 1988
- (l) DoD Directive C-5200.5, "Communications Security," April 21, 1990
- (m) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, 735.201, "Gambling," current edition
- (n) Title 20, United States Code, Section 107a
- (o) Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40b, "Conduct on the Pentagon Reservation," current edition
- (p) DoD Directive 6025.7, "Off-Duty Employment by DoD Health Care Providers," October 21, 1985

SECTION 2. OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES3-200. Attendance

a. Agency Designees may permit their DoD employees to attend meetings, conferences, seminars or similar events sponsored by non-Federal entities in their official DoD capacities at Federal Government expense if there is a legitimate Federal Government purpose in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4101 et seq. (reference (b)) and 37 U.S.C. 412 (reference (c)), such as training a DoD employee beyond maintaining professional credentials or gathering information of value to the DoD.

b. DoD employees are prohibited from attending events in their official DoD capacities at Federal Government expense in order to acquire or maintain professional credentials that are a minimum requirement to hold the DoD position. See 5 U.S.C. 5946 (reference (b)) and 31 U.S.C. 1345 (reference (d)).

3-201. Membership.

a. DoD employees may serve as DoD liaisons to non-Federal entities when appointed by the head of the DoD Component command or organization who determines there is a significant and continuing DoD interest to be served by such representation. Liaisons serve as part of their official DoD duties, under DoD Component memberships, and represent only DoD interests to the non-Federal entity in an advisory capacity. Liaisons may not be involved in matters of management or control of the non-Federal entity. Liaisons may officially represent DoD in discussions of matters of mutual interest with non-Federal entities providing it is made clear to the non-Federal entities that the opinions expressed by liaisons do not bind DoD or any DoD Component to any action.

b. DoD employees may not accept DoD Component membership in a non-Federal entity on behalf of DoD except as provided by statute or regulation. DoD may pay for DoD memberships in accordance with opinions of the Comptroller General, such as 24 Comp. Gen. 814 (reference (e)). DoD is prohibited from paying for individual memberships by 5 U.S.C. 5946 (reference (b)). See also 10 U.S.C. 2601 (reference (f)). See subsection 3-301 of this Regulation, below, regarding allotments for payment of individual memberships held in a personal capacity.

3-202. Management. DoD employees may not participate in their official DoD capacities in the management or control of non-Federal entities without authorization from the DoD DAEO. Requests for authorization shall be in writing and forwarded to the DoD DAEO through SOCO. See 36 U.S.C. 5, 121, and 1305 (reference (g)). However, with authorization from the DoD DAEO, DoD employees may participate fully in the management and control of the non-Federal entity, may participate in the determinations and conclusions of the non-Federal entity, and may cast a vote on issues within the scope of the DoD employee's official responsibilities.

3-203. Impartiality of Agency Designee and Travel-Approving Authority.

When a DoD employee requests permission to travel to or participate in activities of a non-Federal entity and the Agency Designee or travel approving authority is an active participant in the non-Federal entity, that Agency Designee or travel approving authority may not act on the DoD employee's request but shall defer such action to the next higher superior or another independent DoD authority. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.402 and 2635.502 (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation and 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (i)).

3-204. Impartiality of DoD Employees. DoD employees are generally

prohibited from engaging in any official activities in which a non-Federal entity is a party or has a financial interest if the DoD employee is an active participant in the non-Federal entity or has been an officer in the non-Federal entity within the last year. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.402 and 2635.502 (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation and 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (i)).

3-205. Remuneration. DoD employees may not receive any salary or salary

supplement from a non-Federal entity for performance of DoD duties. See 18 U.S.C. 209 (reference (i)).

3-206. Co-sponsorship. A DoD Component command or organization is a

co-sponsor of an event when that DoD Component command or organization is one of the organizations that develops the substantive aspects of the event or provides substantial logistical support for the event. Co-sponsorship of events with a non-Federal entity is prohibited except as follows:

a. A DoD Component command or organization may co-sponsor

a civic or community activity, except for fundraising or membership drives, where the head of the DoD Component command or organization determines that the activity is unrelated to the purpose or business of the co-sponsoring, non-Federal entity or the purpose or business of any of its members. See DoD Instruction 5410.20 (reference (j));

b. A DoD Component command or organization may co-sponsor

a conference, seminar or similar event with a non-Federal entity when all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The head of the DoD Component command or

organization finds that the subject matter of the event (or co-sponsored discrete portion) is scientific, technical or professional issues that are relevant to the mission of the DoD Component command or organization;

(2) The head of the DoD Component command or

organization finds that the purpose of co-sponsorship is to transfer Federally developed technology or to stimulate wider interest and inquiry into the scientific, technical or professional issues identified above, and that the event is open to interested parties;

(3) The non-Federal entity is a recognized scientific, technical, educational, or professional organization approved for this purpose by the DoD Component DAEO, giving due consideration to the prohibition against giving preferential treatment to non-Federal entity in 5 C.F.R. 2635.101(b)(8) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation (reference (h));

(4) The DoD Component command or organization accomplishes the co-sponsorship through a written agreement that includes the nature and purpose of the event; the undertakings and liabilities of the parties; funding responsibilities and costs (including admission fees); a disclaimer of Government liability if the DoD Component command or organization reduces the level of its participation or completely withdraws; and a statement that the non-Federal entity will not use the fact of co-sponsorship of the event to imply DoD endorsement of the organization or its other events. If applicable, the DoD Component command or organization should execute the agreement pursuant to specific statutory authority, such as a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement as identified in 31 U.S.C. 6303 through 6306 (reference (d)); a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRDA) as defined in 15 U.S.C. 3710a (reference (k)); a cooperative agreement or other transaction identified in 10 U.S.C. 2371 (reference (f)).

(5) No admission fee (beyond what will cover the reasonable costs of sponsoring the event) may be charged for a co-sponsored event, or no admission fee (beyond what will cover the reasonable costs of sponsoring the event) may be charged for the discrete portions of the event co-sponsored by the DoD Component.

c. If the DoD Component desires to sponsor an event, but requires assistance in making the arrangements, the DoD Component may arrange, through normal acquisition procedures, to have a non-Federal entity provide whatever assistance is necessary. If the event is open to individuals outside the Federal Government, attendance may not be limited to members of the supporting non-Federal entity. The supporting non-Federal entity may be permitted to mention its support in conference materials, but not in terms which imply that it is sponsoring or co-sponsoring the event.

* 3-207. Participation in Conferences and Similar Events. Subject to the provisions of subsection 3-211 of this Regulation, below, and in accordance with public affairs regulations and 31 U.S.C. 1345 (reference (d)), DoD employees may participate in their official DoD capacities as speakers or panel members at conferences, seminars, or similar events sponsored by non-Federal entities. *

* 3-208. Distributing Information. In accordance with public affairs regulations, official channels may be used to notify DoD employees of events of common interest sponsored by non-Federal entities. *

* 3-209. Endorsement. *Endorsement of a non-Federal entity, event, product, service, or enterprise may be neither stated nor implied by DoD or DoD employees in their official capacities and titles, positions, or organization names may not be used to suggest official endorsement or preferential treatment of any non-Federal entity except those listed in subsection 3-210 of this Regulation, below.* DoD employees may use or allow the use of their titles, positions, or organization names in conjunction with their own names only to identify themselves in the performance of their official duties. Use of titles, positions, and organization names when acting a personal capacity is covered by subsection 3-300 of this Regulation, below. *

3-210. Fundraising and Membership Drives

* a. *DoD employees shall not officially endorse or appear to endorse membership drives or fundraising for any non-Federal entity except the following organizations which are not subject to the provisions of subsection 3-211 of this Regulation, below:* *

- (1) *The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC);*
- (2) *Emergency and disaster appeals approved by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM);*
- (3) *Army Emergency Relief;*
- (4) *Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society;*
- (5) *Air Force Assistance Fund, including:*
 - (a) *Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation, Inc.;*
 - (b) *Air Force Village;*
 - (c) *Air Force Aid Society;*
 - (d) *General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.*

* (6) *Other organizations composed primarily of DoD employees or their dependents when fundraising among their own members for the benefit of welfare funds for their own members or their dependents when approved by the head of the DoD Component command or organization after consultation with the DAEO or designee.* *

* *(This includes most morale, welfare and recreation programs, regardless of funding sources).* *

b. Fundraising by DoD employees is strictly regulated by E.O.

12353 (reference (l)), 5 C.F.R. 950 (reference (m)), DoD Directive 5035.1 (reference (n)), DoD Instruction 5035.5 (reference (o)), DoD Directive 5410.18 (reference (p)), 5 C.F.R. 2635.808 (reference (h)) in subsection 1-200 of this Regulation, and by the prohibitions against preferential treatment established in subsection 3-209 of this Regulation, above.

3-211. Logistical Support of Non-Federal Entity Events

a. The head of a DoD Component command or organization may provide DoD employees in their official capacities to express DoD policies as speakers, panel members or other participants, or, on a limited basis, the use of DoD facilities and equipment (and the services of DoD employees necessary to make proper use of the equipment), as logistical support of an event sponsored by a non-Federal entity, except for fundraising and membership drive events, when the head of the DoD command or organization determines all of the following:

(1) The support does not interfere with the performance of official duties and would in no way detract from readiness;

(2) DoD community relations with the immediate community and/or other legitimate DoD public affairs or military training interests are served by the support;

(3) It is appropriate to associate DoD, including the concerned Military Department, with the event;

(4) The event is of interest and benefit to the local civilian community, the DoD Component command or organization providing the support, or any other part of DoD;

(5) The DoD Component command or organization is able and willing to provide the same support to comparable events that meet the criteria of this subsection and are sponsored by other similar non-Federal entities;

(6) The use is not restricted by other statutes (see 10 U.S.C. 2012 (reference (f)) which limits support that is not based on customary community relations or public affairs activities) or regulations; and

(7) No admission fee (beyond what will cover the reasonable costs of sponsoring the event) is charged for the event, no admission fee (beyond what will cover the reasonable costs of sponsoring the event) is charged for the portion of the event supported by DoD, or DoD support to the event is incidental to the entire event in accordance with public affairs guidance.

b. The head of a DoD Component command or organization may provide, on a limited basis, the use of DoD facilities and equipment (and the services of DoD employees necessary to make proper use of the equipment), as logistical support of a charitable fundraising event sponsored by a non-Federal entity when the head of the DoD Component command or organization determines (1) through (6) of subsection 3-211.a. of this Regulation, above, and the sponsoring non-Federal entity is not affiliated with the CFC (including local CFC) or, if affiliated with the CFC, the Director, OPM, or designee, has no objection to DoD support of the event. OPM has no objection to support of events that do not fundraise on the Federal Government workplace (which includes the entire DoD installation).

c. Speeches by DoD employees at events sponsored by non-Federal entities are not precluded when the speech expresses an official DoD position in a public forum in accordance with public affairs guidance.

d. Involvement of DoD resources in air shows sponsored by non-Federal entities is approved or disapproved by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

3-212. Relationships Governed by Other Authorities. In addition to the provisions of this Chapter, certain organizations have special relationships with DoD or its employees specifically recognized by law or by other directives. These organizations include:

- a. Certain banks and credit unions (DoD Directive 1000.11 (reference (q)));
- b. United Service Organization (DoD Directive 1330.12 (reference (r)));
- c. Labor organizations (5 U.S.C. Chapter 71 (reference (b))); DoD 1400.25-M, Chapter 711 (reference (s)));
- d. Combined Federal Campaign (E.O. 10927 (reference (t)), DoD Directive 5035.1 (reference (n)));
- e. Association of Management Officials and Supervisors (DoD Instruction 5010.30 (reference (u)));
- f. American Registry of Pathology (10 U.S.C. 177); Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine (10 U.S.C. 178); American National Red Cross (10 U.S.C. 2542); Boy Scouts Jamborees (10 U.S.C. 2544); Girl Scouts International Events (10 U.S.C. 2545); Shelter for Homeless (10 U.S.C. 2546); National Military Associations; Assistance at National Conventions (10 U.S.C. 2548); Assistance from

American National Red Cross (10 U.S.C. 2602); United Seaman's Service Organization (10 U.S.C. 2604); Scouting: Cooperation and Assistance in Foreign Areas (10 U.S.C. 2606); and Civil Air Patrol (10 U.S.C. 9441-9442) (reference (f)).

SECTION 3. PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES

3-300. Participation

a. Fundraising and Other Activities. Subject to other provisions of this Regulation, DoD employees may voluntarily participate in activities of non-Federal entities as individuals in their personal capacities, provided they act exclusively outside the scope of their official positions.

(1) Except as provided in 5 CFR 2635.807(b) (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, DoD employees may not use or allow the use of their official titles, positions or organization names in connection with activities performed in their personal capacities as this tends to suggest official endorsement or preferential treatment by DoD of any non-Federal entity involved. Military grade and military department as part of an individual's name (e.g., Captain Smith, U.S. Navy) may be used, the same as other conventional titles such as Mr., Ms., or Honorable, in relationship to personal activities.

(2) Purely personal, unofficial volunteer efforts to support fundraising outside the Federal Government workplace (which includes the entire DoD installation) are not prohibited where the efforts do not imply DoD endorsement. The head of the DoD Component command or organization may, on a limited basis, authorize their DoD employees or their dependents to participate in fundraising activities in designated areas on the Federal Government workplace, such as public entrances, in community support facilities and in personal quarters. See E.O. 12353 (reference (l)), 5 C.F.R. 950 (reference (m)), and DoD Directive 1344.7 (reference (v)). These activities may be further limited by Federal Government building and grounds regulations.

b. Professional Associations and Learned Societies. Agency Designees may permit excused absences for reasonable periods of time for their DoD employees to voluntarily participate in the activities of non-profit professional associations and learned societies and may permit the limited use by their DoD employees of Federal Government equipment or administrative support services to prepare papers to be presented at such association or society events or to be published in professional journals when:

(1) The participation or paper is related to the DoD

employee's official position or to DoD functions, management or mission; and

(2) The Agency can derive some benefit from the participation or preparation, such as expansion of professional expertise by DoD employees or improved public confidence derived from the professional recognition of the DoD employee's competence;

(3) The participation or preparation of the paper does not interfere with the performance of official DoD duties.

* c. Community Support Activities. Agency Designees may permit excused absences for reasonable periods of time for their DoD employees to voluntarily participate in community support activities that promote civic awareness and uncompensated public service such as disaster relief events, blood donations, and voting and registering to vote. *

* d. Impartiality of Agency Designee and Travel Approving Authority. When a DoD employee requests permission to travel to or participate in activities of a non-Federal entity and the Agency Designee or travel approving authority is an active participant in the non-Federal entity, that Agency Designee or travel approving authority may not act on the DoD employee's request but shall defer such action to the next higher superior or another independent DoD authority. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.402 and 2635.502 (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation and 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (i)). *

* 3-301. Membership and Management. DoD employees may become members and may participate in the management of non-Federal entities as individuals in a personal capacity provided they act exclusively outside the scope of their official position. Except for such service in the organizations listed in subsection 3-210.a. of this Regulation, above, a DoD employee may not serve in a personal capacity as an officer, member of the Board of Directors, or in any other similar position in any non-Federal entity offered because of their DoD assignment or position. DoD employees may authorize an allotment for membership dues to a non-Federal entity as provided in 5 C.F.R. 550.311 and 550.331 (reference (w)) and DoD 7000.14-R (reference (x)). *

* 3-302. Impartiality of DoD Employees. DoD employees are generally prohibited from engaging in any official activities in which a non-Federal entity is a party or has a financial interest if the DoD employee is an active participant in the non-Federal entity or has been an officer in the non-Federal entity within the last year. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.402 and 2635.502 (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation and 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (i)). *

3-303. Interference with Employment of Local Civilians. Enlisted members on active duty may not be ordered or authorized to leave their post to engage in a civilian pursuit, business, or professional activity if it interferes with the customary or regular employment of local civilians in their art, trade, or profession. See 10 U.S.C. 974 (reference (f)).

3-304 Competition with Civilian Musicians. Members of military bands are very restricted in the degree to which they may compete off base with civilian musicians. See 10 U.S.C. 3634, 6223 and 8634 (reference (f)).

3-305. Use of Federal Government Resources

a. Authorized Uses. See subsection 2-301 of this Regulation, above.

b. Prohibited Uses. *Because of the potential for significant cost to the Federal Government, and the potential for abuse, DoD employees, such as secretaries, clerks, and military aides, may not be used to support the unofficial activity of another DoD employee in support of non-Federal entities, nor for any other non-Federal purposes, except as provided in subsections 3-211 and 3-300.b. of this Regulation, above.*

3-306. Prior Approval of Outside Employment and Business Activities

a. A DoD employee, other than a special Government employee, who is required to file a financial disclosure report, SF 450 or SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, shall obtain written approval from the Agency Designee before engaging in a business activity or compensated outside employment with a prohibited source, unless general approval has been given in accordance with subsection 3-306.b. of this Regulation, below. Approval shall be granted unless a determination is made that the business activity or compensated outside employment is expected to involve conduct prohibited by statute or regulation.

(1) Business activity means any business, contractual or other financial relationship not involving the provision of personal services by the DoD employee. It does not include a routine commercial transaction or the purchase of an asset or interest, such as common stock, that is available to the general public.

(2) Employment means any form of non-Federal Government employment or business relationship involving the provision of personal services by the DoD employee. It includes, but is not limited to, personal services as an officer, director, employee, agent, attorney, consultant, contractor, general partner or trustee.

(3) Prohibited source has the meaning set forth in 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(d) (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, as modified by the separate Agency designations in subsection 2-201 of this Regulation, above.

b. The DoD Component DAEO or designee may, by a written notice, exempt categories of business activities or employment from the requirement of subsection 3-306.a. of this Regulation, above, for prior approval based on a determination that business

activities or employment within those categories would generally be approved and are not likely to involve conduct prohibited by statute or regulation.

c. A copy of the request for prior approval and the written approval shall be kept with the filed copy of the DoD employee's financial disclosure report, SF 450 or SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, or with the local Ethics Counselor.

d. Such DoD employees who have not obtained prior approval and who are, on the effective date of this supplemental rule, already engaged in an outside activity that requires prior approval shall have 90 days from that date to obtain such approval.

e. Except to the extent that when procedures have been established by higher authority for any class of DoD employee (e.g., DoD Directive 6025.7 (reference (y))), Agency Designees may require DoD employees under their jurisdiction to report any outside employment or activity prior to engaging in the employment or activity.

(1) The commander, head of the organization, or supervisor may prohibit the employment or activity if he believes that the proposed outside activity will detract from readiness or pose a security risk.

(2) If action is not taken to prohibit the employment or activity, the DoD employee is free to engage in the employment or activity in keeping with other restrictions of this Regulation.

3-307. Teaching, Speaking and Writing

a. Disclaimer for Speeches and Writings Devoted to Agency Matters. *A DoD employee who uses or permits the use of his military grade or who includes or permits the inclusion of his title or position as one of several biographical details given to identify himself in connection with teaching, speaking or writing, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.807(b)(1) (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, shall make a disclaimer if the subject of the teaching, speaking or writing deals in significant part with any ongoing or announced policy, program or operation of the DoD employee's Agency, as defined in subsection 2-201 of this Regulation, and the DoD employee has not been authorized by appropriate Agency authority to present that material as the Agency's position.*

(1) *The required disclaimer shall expressly state that the views presented are those of the speaker or author and do not necessarily represent the views of DoD or its Components.*

(2) *Where a disclaimer is required for an article, book or other writing, the disclaimer shall be printed in a reasonably prominent position in the writing itself. Where a disclaimer is required for a speech or other oral presentation, the disclaimer may be given orally provided it is given at the beginning of the oral presentation.*

b. Security Clearance. A lecture, speech, or writing that pertains to military matters, national security issues, or subjects of significant concern to DoD shall be reviewed for clearance by appropriate security and public affairs offices prior to delivery or publication.

c. Honoraria. Compensation for a lecture, speech or writing may be restricted by the honoraria prohibition of 5 U.S.C. App. 501 (reference (b)) and 5 C.F.R. 2636 (reference (a)) in subsection 3-100 of this Regulation, above. However, on February 22, 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court decided United States v. National Treasury Employees Union (reference (z)), affirming a court of appeals decision enjoining enforcement of the honoraria prohibition against Federal employees below grade GS-16. The ban may still be enforceable against Federal employees in grades GS-16 or above and those paid under other schedules. Section 542 of Public Law 102-484 (reference (aa)) exempts military officers and civilian employees at certain schools within the Department of Defense from the statutory ban on receipt of honoraria. A list of such schools is maintained by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The restrictions of 5 C.F.R. 2635.807(a) (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation continue to apply to all DoD employees.

SECTION 4. REFERENCES

3-400. References

- (a) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2636, "Limitations on Outside Employment and Prohibition of Honoraria; Confidential Reporting of Payments to Charities in Lieu of Honoraria," current edition
- (b) Title 5, United States Code, Chapter 71, App. 501, 4101 and 5946
- (c) Title 37, United States Code, Section 412
- (d) Title 31, United States Code, Sections 1345, and 6303 through 6306
- (e) Decisions of the Comptroller General, Volume 24, page 814, 1945
- (f) Title 10, United States Code, Sections 177, 178, 974, 2012, 2371, 2541, 2542, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2548, 2601, 2602, 2604, 2606, 3634, 6223, 8634, 9441 and 9442
- (g) Title 36, United States Code, Sections 5, 121, and 1305
- (h) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2635, "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch," current edition
- (i) Title 18, United States Code, Sections 208 and 209

- (j) DoD Instruction 5410.20, "Public Affairs Relations with Business and Nongovernmental Organizations Representing Business," January 16, 1974
- (k) Title 15, United States Code, Section 3710a
- (l) Executive Order 12353, "Charitable Fund-Raising," March 23, 1982, as amended
- (m) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950, "Solicitation of Federal Civilian and Uniformed Service Personnel for Contributions to Private Voluntary Organizations," current edition
- (n) DoD Directive 5035.1, "Fund-Raising Within the Department of Defense," August 28, 1990
- (o) DoD Instruction 5035.5, "DoD Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas Area," August 17, 1990
- (p) DoD Directive 5410.18, "Community Relations," July 3, 1974
- (q) DoD Directive 1000.11, "Financial Institutions on DoD Installations," July 26, 1989
- (r) DoD Directive 1330.12, "United Service Organizations, Inc.," November 9, 1987
- (s) DoD 1400.25-M, "DoD Civilian Personnel Manual," January 24, 1978, authorized by DoD Directive 1400.25, "Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Manual System," January 24, 1978
- (t) Executive Order 10927, "Abolishing the President's Committee on Fund-Raising Within the Federal Service and Providing for the Conduct of Fund-Raising Activities," March 18, 1961
- (u) DoD Instruction 5010.30, "Intramangement Communication and Consultation," May 2, 1989
- (v) DoD Directive 1344.7, "Personal Commercial Solicitation on DoD Installations," February 13, 1986
- (w) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 550, "Pay Administration," current edition
- (x) DoD 7000.14-R, "Financial Management Regulation," June 1994, authorized by DoD Instruction 7000.14, November 15, 1992
- (y) DoD Directive 6025.7, "Off Duty Employment by DoD Health Care Providers," October 21, 1985
- (z) United States et al. v. National Treasury Employees Union et al., No. 93-1170, slip op. (Sup. Ct., February 22, 1995)
- (aa) Public Law 102-484, "National Defense Authorization Act of 1993," October 23, 1992

CHAPTER 4

TRAVEL BENEFITS

SECTION 1. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL BENEFITS IN KIND OR PAYMENT FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL EXPENSES

4-100. Acceptance from Non-Federal Sources

a. Official Travel. Official travel by DoD employees shall be funded by the Federal Government except that DoD Components may accept official travel benefits, including in kind subsistence and accommodations and payments or reimbursements of expenses, from non-Federal sources as provided in this Chapter of this Regulation.

b. Personal Travel. This Chapter does not apply to travel benefits provided to DoD employees in their personal capacities. However, DoD employees must report such travel expenses when appropriate in accordance with Chapter 7 of this Regulation. There may be limitations on acceptance of travel benefits in a personal capacity, including limitations on acceptance from prohibited sources, because of official position, and under 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (a)).

c. Acceptance Procedures. Any official travel benefits from non-Federal sources accepted by the travel approving authority must be:

(1) Approved in writing by the travel approving authority with the advice of the DoD employee's Ethics Counselor;

(2) If accepted under the authority granted by 31 U.S.C. 1353 (reference (b)), approved in advance of travel.

d. Spousal Travel. The travel approving authorities for travel of a spouse accompanying a DoD employee on official travel that is paid for or provided in kind by a non-Federal source are as follows:

(1) For DoD employees of OSD, Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities, the Executive Secretary, OSD;

(2) For DoD employees of Military Departments, the Secretaries concerned or their designees;

(3) For DoD employees of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Unified or Specified Commands, and the Combined Commands and Agencies, the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, or his designee.

4-101. Acceptance of Travel and Related Expenses by a DoD Component From Non-Federal Sources

a. Attendance at a Meeting or Similar Function (31 U.S.C. 1353 (reference (b)))

(1) In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1353 (reference (b)) and GSA travel regulations, 41 C.F.R. 301-1.2 and 304 (reference (c)), Heads of DoD Components may accept travel benefits from a non-Federal source incurred by DoD employees in connection with their attendance in an official capacity at a meeting or similar function. The Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), Chapter 7, Part W, Paragraphs U7900-7908 (DoD Uniformed Services) (reference (d)) and Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Chapter 4, Part Q, Paragraphs C4900-4908 (DoD Civilian Personnel) (reference (e)) implement 41 C.F.R. 301-1.2 and 304 (reference (c)). For detailed guidance as to the applicability and application of specific authority, these regulations should be consulted directly.

(2) Where the GSA travel regulations, 41 C.F.R. 301-1.2 and 304 (reference (c)), are inconsistent with the JFTR (reference (d)) and JTR (reference (e)), 41 C.F.R. 301-1.2 and 304 (reference (c)) are the controlling authorities.

(3) A DoD Component may not accept or approve acceptance of travel benefits from non-Federal sources under any other gift acceptance authority if 31 U.S.C. 1353 (reference (b)) applies.

(4) Payment Guidelines. DoD employees (or their spouses) shall not accept cash payments on behalf of the Federal Government.

(a) When travel benefits are paid for rather than provided in kind, payments from the non-Federal source will be by check or similar instrument made payable to the United States Treasury. Any such payment received by the DoD employee (or spouse) shall be submitted with his travel voucher as soon as practicable.

(b) The DoD employee shall exclude from his travel voucher any request for reimbursement for travel benefits furnished in kind by a non-Federal source on the travel voucher to ensure that appropriate deductions are made in

the travel, per diem, or other allowances payable by the United States.

(5) Reporting. Each travel-approving authority designated by the DoD Component Head to accept travel benefits from non-Federal sources shall submit a report to the DoD Component DAEO or designee semiannually on April 30 and October 31 to accommodate the required reporting to OGE on May 31 and November 30 each year. See JFTR, Paragraph U7908 (reference (d)) and JTR, Paragraph C4908 (reference (e)) for details on what to report.

b. DoD Component Gift Acceptance Statutes. In accordance with procedures established by those DoD Components with gift acceptance authority under 10 U.S.C. 2601 (reference (f)), travel benefits may be accepted by such DoD Component Heads or their designees.

(1) This authority may not be used to accept travel benefits covered by 31 U.S.C. 1353 (reference (b)).

(2) This authority may be used to accept, for example, reimbursement for travel benefits of flight crew members that accompany Federal Government aircraft to international air shows or the expenses incurred by the attendance of DoD employees at ceremonial events in order to enhance a DoD Component's public relations. This authority may also be used to accept travel benefits offered after travel has begun or has been completed.

c. DoD Component DAEO or Designee Approval. Acceptance of official travel benefits from non-Federal sources described in subsections 4-101.a. and 4-101.b. of this Regulation, above, requires the concurrence of the DoD Component DAEO or designee.

4-102. Acceptance of Contributions, Awards and Other Payments by DoD Employees from Tax-Exempt Organizations (5 U.S.C. 4111 (reference (g)))

a. Applicability. Military members are permitted to accept contributions, awards and other payments the same as civilian DoD employees in accordance with the requirements of this subsection, below.

b. Conditions for Acceptance. Except when acceptance is permitted under 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(d) (reference (h)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, DoD employees are permitted to accept contributions, awards and other payments directly from non-Federal sources only when all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The source is a tax-exempt organization described by 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) (reference (i)) or a State or local government (see 5 C.F.R. 410, Subpart G (reference (j)));

(2) The contribution, award, or payment of travel benefits is incidental to training in non-Federal Government facilities or attendance at a meeting;

(3) An appropriate deduction is made from any payment by the Federal Government to the DoD employee for their official travel entitlement;

(4) The contribution, award, or payment is not a reward for services to the non-Federal source;

(5) Acceptance of the contribution, award or payment would not reflect unfavorably on the DoD employee's ability to perform his duties in a fair and objective manner, nor otherwise compromise the integrity of any Federal Government action; and

(6) The travel approving authority approves the acceptance of the contribution, award or payment in writing.

c. Payments from Multiple Sources. When more than one organization participates in making a single contribution, award, or payment, only the organization that selects the recipient and administers the funds from which the contribution, award, or payment is made will be considered the source.

d. Reporting. Individuals who are required to file financial disclosure statements must report acceptance of these travel benefits on their financial disclosure statements if the fair market value of those benefits reach the reportable amount.

4-103. Receipt and Disposition of Foreign Gifts and Decorations (5 U.S.C. 7342 (reference (g))). DoD employees may accept travel and travel-related expenses from a foreign government in accordance with DoD Directive 1005.13 (reference (k)).

SECTION 2. DoD GUIDANCE

4-200. Acceptance of Incidental Benefits. There are two basic principles DoD employees must consider in determining whether they may accept

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5-200. 5 C.F.R. 2640, "Interpretation of 18 U.S.C. 208" (reference (b))

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Sec. 2640.101 Exemptions for financial interests arising from Federal Government employment or from Social Security or veterans' benefits.

An employee may participate in any particular matter, whether of general applicability or involving specific parties, where the disqualifying financial interest arises from Federal Government salary or benefits, or from Social Security or veterans' benefits, except an employee may not:

- (a) Make determinations that individually or specially affect his own Government salary and benefits, or Social Security or veterans' benefits, or
- (b) Make determinations, requests, or recommendations that individually or specially relate to, or affect, the Government salary or benefits, or Social Security or veterans' benefits of any other person specified in section 208.

Note: This exemption does not permit an employee to take any action in violation of any other statutory or regulatory requirement, such as the prohibition on the employment of relatives at 5 U.S.C. 3100.

Example 1: An employee of the Office of Management and Budget may vigorously and energetically perform the duties of his position even though his outstanding performance would result in a performance bonus or other similar merit award.

Example 2: A policy analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency may request promotion to another grade or salary level. However, the analyst may not recommend or approve the promotion of her general partner to the next grade.

Example 3: An engineer employed by the National Science Foundation may request that his agency pay the registration fees and appropriate travel expenses required for him to attend a conference sponsored by the Engineering Institute of America. However, the employee may not approve payment of his own travel expenses and registration fees.

Example 4: A GS-14 attorney at the Department of Justice may review and make comments about the legal sufficiency of a bill to raise the pay level of all Federal employees paid under the General Schedule even though her own pay level, and that of her spouse who works at the Department of Labor, would be raised if the bill were to become law.

Example 5: An employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may assist in drafting a regulation that will provide expanded hospital benefits for veterans, even though he himself is a veteran who would be eligible for treatment in a hospital operated by the VA.

Example 6: An employee of the Office of Personnel Management may participate in discussions with various health insurance providers to formulate the package of benefits that will be available to Federal employees who participate in the Government's Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, even though the employee will obtain health insurance from one of these providers through the program.

Example 7: An employee of the Federal Supply Service Division of the General Services Administration (GSA) may participate in GSA's evaluation of the feasibility of privatizing the entire Federal Supply Service, even though the employee's own position would be eliminated if the Service were privatized.

Example 8: Absent an individual waiver under section 208(b)(1), the employee in the preceding example could not participate in the implementation of a GSA plan to create an employee-owned private corporation which would carry out Federal Supply Service functions under contract with GSA. Because implementing the plan would result not only in the elimination of the employee's Federal position, but also in the creation of a new position in the new corporation to which the employee would be transferred, the employee would have a disqualifying financial interest in the matter arising from other than Federal salary and benefits, or Social Security or veterans' benefits.

Example 9: A career member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may serve on a performance review board that makes recommendations about the performance awards that will be awarded to other career SES employees at the IRS. The amount of the employee's own SES performance award would be affected by the board's recommendations because all SES awards are derived from the same limited pool of funds. However, the employee's activities on the board involve only recommendations, and not determinations that individually or specifically affect his own award. Additionally, 5 U.S.C. 5384(c)(2) requires that a majority of the board's members be career SES employees.

Example 10: In carrying out a reorganization of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) of the Federal Trade Commission, the Deputy General Counsel is asked to determine which of five Senior Executive Service (SES) positions in the OGC to abolish. Because her own position is one of the five SES positions being considered for elimination, the matter is one that would individually or specifically affect her own salary and benefits and, therefore, the Deputy may not decide which position should be abolished.

¹ This reprint has had typeface and spacing revisions made for clarity. Although no changes were made to the text, only the original rule is authoritative.

SECTION 3. GUIDANCE ON 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (c))

5-300. Conflicts and Appearance of Conflicts Under 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (c)). See 5 C.F.R. 2635, Subpart D and Subpart E (reference (d)), in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, OGE opinions (reference (e)), and subsection 2-204 of this Regulation for provisions on conflicts of interest under 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (c)).

5-301. Applicability to Enlistees. The provisions of 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (c)) and related provisions of OGE regulations do not apply to enlisted members. However, provisions similar to 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (c)) do apply to enlisted members as follows: *except as approved by the DoD Component DAEO or designee, an enlisted member, including an enlisted special Government employee, shall not participate personally and substantially as part of his official DoD duties, in any particular matter in which he, his spouse, minor child, partner, entity in which he is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner or employee or any entity with which he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment, has a financial interest.*

5-302. Waiver of 18 U.S.C. 208(a). Miscellaneous exemptions from application of 18 U.S.C. 208(a) (reference (c)) appear in 5 C.F.R. 2640 (reference (b)) in subsection 5-200 of this Regulation. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208(b) (reference (c)), application of 18 U.S.C. 208(a) (reference (c)) may be waived by individual Agencies.

a. The regulatory waivers for DoD under 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(2) (reference (c)) have been preserved and are reprinted in Appendix D of this Regulation as follows (see 5 C.F.R. 2635.402(d) (reference (d))):

- (1) For civilian DoD Components, such waivers appear in 32 C.F.R. 40.1 (reference (f));
- (2) For the Department of the Army, such waivers appear in AR 600-50 (reference (g));
- (3) For the Department of the Air Force, such waivers appear in AFR 30-30 (reference (h));
- (4) For the Department of the Navy, such waivers appear in SECNAVINST 5370.2J (reference (i)).

b. Application of 18 U.S.C. 208(a) (reference (c)) may be waived for individuals when a financial interest is not so substantial as to be likely to affect the integrity of the services that the Federal Government may expect from the DoD employee. Considerations in determining whether the interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services that the Federal Government may expect from the DoD

employee include:

- (1) The extent to which the DoD employee's exercise of authority and responsibility can affect his interest;
- (2) The relative importance of the interest in the DoD employee's life or finances;
- (3) The potential for harm to the Federal Government and to the DoD employee if the DoD employee's interests influence his decision-making;
- (4) How the situation would appear to an informed public;
- (5) The nature of the relationship between the DoD employee and the individual who has the interest concerned.

c. In order to pursue an individual waiver under 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(1) (reference (c)), the following steps are mandatory:

- (1) Before a waiver is requested, consideration should first be given to alternative resolutions, such as disqualification, divestiture, reassignment, or rearrangement of duties. Individual waivers are to be considered only when all alternatives have been exhausted. The supervisor should also consider, with the advice of the Ethics Counselor, whether a potential violation of 18 U.S.C. 208(a) (reference (c)) exists. See subsection 5-303 of this Regulation, below. Even if the interests are insubstantial, consideration should be given to whether the particular matter will have a direct and predictable effect on the financial interest. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.402(b)(1) (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation;
- (2) A request for a waiver shall be forwarded through the chain of command or supervision to the DoD Component DAEO. The DoD Component DAEO shall consult, if practicable, on the action with OGE;
- (3) Pending the approval of the waiver, the DoD employee shall be disqualified from participation in the particular matter that will have an effect on the financial interest;
- (4) The waiver request shall include the Ethics Counselor's findings of fact on the following:
 - (a) The manner in which the financial interest was acquired;
 - (b) The purpose behind the DoD employee's acquisition of the interest;

- (1) Cause actual or perceived partiality or unfairness;
- (2) Involve the actual or apparent use of rank or position for personal gain; or
- (3) Otherwise undermine discipline, morale, or authority.

5-410. Related Rules

a. There is a prohibition on holding conflicting financial interests. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.403 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (c)), and 5 C.F.R. 2640 (reference (b)) in subsection 5-200 of this Regulation, above.

b. There are requirements regarding seeking outside employment. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.601-606 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation and Chapter 8 of this Regulation.

c. There is a prohibition on engaging in outside employment or activities that conflict with official duties. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.802 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

d. There are limitations on certain outside activities such as receipt of outside earned income by certain DoD Presidential appointees or non-career DoD employees, service as an expert witness, participation in professional associations, teaching, writing, speaking, or fundraising. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.804-808 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

e. There is a prohibition on the receipt of honoraria. See 5 C.F.R. 2636 (reference (q)) in subsection 3-100 of this Regulation.

f. There are prohibitions on the misuse of official position such as improper endorsements or improper use of non-public information. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.701-705 (reference (d)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

g. There are prohibitions on certain post-Government service employment. See Chapter 9 of this Regulation.

SECTION 5. REFERENCES

5-500. References

- (a) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2639, "Interpretation of 18 U.S.C. 209" [TO BE PUBLISHED]

- (b) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2640, "Interpretation of 18 U.S.C. 208," current edition
- (c) Title 18, United States Code, Sections 201, 203, 205, 208 and 209
- (d) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2635, "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch," current edition
- (e) Office of Government Ethics Opinions 83x1 (January 7, 1983), 85x10 (July 15, 1985), 86x9 (August 8, 1986), 87x6 (April 1, 1987), and 88x13 (September 12, 1988)
- (f) Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40, "Standards of Conduct,"
- (g) AR 600-50, "Standards of Conduct for Department of Army Personnel," January 28, 1988
- (h) AFR 30-30, "Standards of Conduct," May 26, 1989
- (i) SECNAVINST 5370, "Standards of Conduct and Government Ethics," March 15, 1989
- (j) Executive Order 12674, "Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees," April 12, 1989, as amended
- (k) Title 5, United States Code, Sections 5515, 5536, and 5751
- (l) Title 10, United States Code, sections 801 through 940 (Uniform Code of Military Justice, Manual for Courts-Martial), 973 and 1033
- (m) Federal Acquisition Regulation, Parts 3.601 and 3.602, current edition
- (n) Title 50, United States Code, Appendix, Section 454
- (o) Decisions of the Comptroller General, Volume 52, page 471 (1973)
- (p) Decisions of the Comptroller General, Volume 22, page 127 (1942)
- (q) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2636, "Limitations on Outside Employment and Prohibition of Honoraria; Confidential Reporting of Payments to Charities in Lieu of Honoraria," current edition

- b. Collect political contributions unless both the collector and the donor are members of the same Federal labor organization or employee organization and the donor is not a subordinate;
- c. Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business with DoD;
- d. Engage in political activity while on duty;
- e. Engage in political activity while in any Federal workplace;
- f. Engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform or displaying official insignia identifying the office or position of the DoD employee;
- g. Engage in political activity while using a Government owned or leased vehicle;
- h. Solicit political contributions from the general public;
- i. Be a candidate for public office in partisan elections;
- j. Wear political buttons on duty;
- k. Contribute to the political campaign of another Federal Government employee who is in the DoD employee's chain of command or supervision or who is the employing authority.

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6-204. DoD Employees Residing in Designated Localities. Notwithstanding the prohibitions of subsection 6-203 of this Regulations, above, a DoD employee (except those DoD employees listed in subsection 6-202.c. of this Regulation, above) who resides in a municipality or political subdivision, either in the immediate vicinity of the District of Columbia or in which the majority of voters are employed by the Federal Government, as designated by OPM under 5 C.F.R. 733.102(d) (reference (c)) may:

- a. Run as an independent candidate for election to a partisan political office in an election for local office of the municipality or political subdivision provided the candidacy for, and service in, the partisan political office shall not result in neglect of, or interference with, the performance of the duties of the DoD employee or create an actual or

apparent conflict of interest; and

b. Accept or receive political contributions in connection with a local election of the municipality or political subdivision provided the DoD employee does not solicit political contributions from the general public.

6-205. Political Recommendations

a. The restrictions of 5 U.S.C. 3303 (reference (b)) apply to all personnel actions described in 5 U.S.C. 2302(a)(2)(A)(i) through (x) (reference (b)) for individuals in or applicants to the following DoD positions:

- (1) Competitive service employees;
- (2) Career appointees in the Senior Executive Service; and
- (3) Excepted service employees other than one who is appointed by the President or whose position has been determined to be of confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character.

b. Each personnel action with respect to a DoD employee or applicant, as described in subsection 6-205.a. of this Regulation, above, shall be taken without regard to any recommendation or statement, oral or written, made by the following types of individuals:

- (1) Members of Congress or Congressional employees;
- (2) Elected officials of any State (including the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), county, city, or other subdivision thereof;
- (3) Officials of political parties; or
- (4) Other individuals or organizations making such recommendations or statements on the basis of the party affiliations of the DoD employee or applicant recommended.

c. DoD employees may solicit, accept, and consider any statement with respect to a DoD employee or applicant described in subsection 6-205.a. of this Regulation, above, if the statement meets one of the following conditions:

- (1) It is pursuant to a request or requirement of the

SECTION 2. PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT (SF-278)7-200. Individuals Required to File

a. Covered Positions. For purposes of this section, the following individuals are in "covered positions" and are required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-521 (reference (b)) to file an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, with their DoD Component DAEO or designee as set out in subsection 7-205 of this Regulation, below:

- (1) Civilian Presidential appointees;
- (2) Regular and Reserve military officers whose pay grade is 0-7 or above;
- (3) Members of the Senior Executive Service;
- (4) Other civilian DoD employees, including special Government employees, whose positions are classified above GS/GM-15 prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 5332 (reference (c)) or civilian DoD employees under other pay systems whose rate of basic pay is fixed at or above 120% of the minimum rate of basic pay for a GS/GM-15;
- (5) DoD employees in the excepted service in positions that are of a confidential or policy-making character unless they have been excluded by the Director, OGE. See subsection 7-200.d. of this Regulation, below;
- (6) Individuals serving by appointment under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, from State or local governments, institutions of higher education or other eligible organizations. See 5 U.S.C. 3371-3376 (reference (c));
- (7) Civilian individuals who are detailed to positions described in subsection 7-200.a.(3) through 7-200.a.(5) of this Regulation, above;
- (8) DoD Component DAEOs.

b. Waiver. An individual otherwise required to file an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, but who now is expected to perform the duties of a covered position for less than 130 days in a calendar year, may request a waiver of any or all reporting requirements from the Director, OGE, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2634 (reference (a)) in subsection 7-100 of this Regulation, above.

c. Exception. An individual who is nominated to or assumes a covered position is not required to file an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, if the Secretary

concerned or the DoD Component DAEO determines that the individual is not reasonably expected to perform the duties of the position for more than 60 days in a calendar year. If such individual performs the duties of the position for more than 60 days in a calendar year, an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, shall be filed within 15 days after the 61st day of duty.

d. Exclusion. The Director, OGE, may exclude an individual who is in a covered position under subsection 7-200.a.(5) of this Regulation, above, from the requirement to file an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2634.203 (reference (a)) in subsection 7-100 of this Regulation, above.

7-201. Information on Covered Positions. The directors of DoD Component personnel offices are responsible for providing the following information to their DoD Component DAEOs or designees:

a. The name, position, grade, organization and entrance-on-duty or termination date of each individual assigned to the DoD Component who is required to file a new entrant or termination SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, immediately upon the appointment of the individual to a position requiring filing, or upon receipt of an SF 52, "Request for Personnel Action," August 1988, Appendix C of this Regulation, requesting approval of the retirement, resignation, or removal of the individual from such a position;

b. By January 10 of each year, the name, position, grade, and organization of each individual assigned to the DoD Component who is required to file an annual SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation.

7-202. Notification of Requirement to File. Each DoD Component DAEO or designee shall provide appropriate notices and instructions to all reporting individuals to ensure the timely preparation of the reports and submission to supervisors and Ethics Counselors for review and filing. The SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, may be accessed through the internet at <http://web1.whs.osd.mil/diorhome.htm>.

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7-203. Time of Filing

a. Nomination Reports

(1) Any time after public announcement but within five days after transmittal by the President to the Senate of the nomination of an individual to a civilian DoD position that requires the advice and consent of the Senate, the DoD Component DAEO shall ensure the nominee's SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, is filed with appropriate authorities.

(2) The report shall contain the information prescribed in the "Instructions for Completing SF 278" attached to the SF 278,

reviewed by the appropriate DoD Component DAEO or designee in relation to the position for which he is being considered.

(2) Secretaries of Military Departments shall cause a review of all relevant systems of records maintained by their departments, including investigative files, to determine if there is any evidence that the nominee has violated the rules or standards of conduct.

(3) Each nomination forwarded to the Secretary of Defense shall be accompanied by a certification by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned that the required review has been conducted and has or has not disclosed a violation of the rules or standards of conduct.

7-207. Disposition

a. Designation of Certifying Official. Only the Head of the DoD Component or the DoD Component DAEO may certify nomination reports required to be filed by a reporting individual who is nominated by the President to a position requiring the advice and consent of the Senate. For all other reports, the DoD Component DAEO may delegate this responsibility to other officials within the DoD Component.

b. Disposition. The SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, and a complete record of all action taken thereon shall be retained for a period of six years by the DoD Component DAEO or designee, and a copy of the report shall be forwarded to OGE, when required. For filers who are military members in joint, unified or combined commands, the original SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, shall be forwarded for retention to the DAEO or designee of the Military Department concerned. After the six-year period, the report shall be destroyed, unless needed in an ongoing investigation. In the case of a reporting individual who filed a report as a nominee and was not subsequently confirmed by the Senate, the report shall be destroyed one year after the reporting individual is no longer under consideration by the Senate.

7-208. Public Availability of Reports. SF 278s, Appendix C of this Regulation, must be made available for public inspection 30 days after the reports are filed unless otherwise exempted under law. OGE Form 201, "Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of SF 278, Financial Disclosure Report," Appendix C of this Regulation, shall be filed by a requestor before inspecting an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation.

7-209. Penalties

a. Action within a DoD Component. The Head of the DoD Component may take appropriate action, including adverse action, in accordance with applicable laws or regulations, against any reporting individual who fails to file an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, or who falsifies or fails to report required information.

b. Action by the U.S. Attorney General. The U.S. Attorney General may bring a civil action in the U.S. District Court against any individual who knowingly and willfully falsifies or fails to file or report information required to be reported. The court may assess a civil penalty. Knowing and willful falsification of information required to be filed may also result in criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 (reference (d)), leading to a fine or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both.

c. Misuse of Reports

(1) The U.S. Attorney General may bring a civil action against an individual who obtains or uses an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, filed under Pub. L. 95-521 (reference (b)), for the following reasons:

- (a) Any unlawful purpose;
- (b) Any commercial purpose other than by news and communications media for dissemination to the general public;
- (c) Determining or establishing the credit rating of any individual;
- (d) Directly or indirectly, for the solicitation of money for any political, charitable or other purpose.

(2) The court in which the action is brought may assess a penalty against a person in any amount, not to exceed \$10,000. This shall be in addition to any other remedy available under statutory or common law.

SECTION 3. CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT (SF 450)

7-300. Individuals Required to File

a. Covered Positions. For purposes of this section, unless required to file an SF 278, Appendix C of this Regulation, or unless expressly exempted, the following individuals are in "covered positions" and are required by 5 C.F.R. 2634 (reference (a)) in subsection 7-100 of this Regulation, above, to file initial and annual SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, through their supervisor to their Ethics Counselor as set out in subsection 7-305 of this Regulation, below:

- (1) Commanding officers, heads and deputy heads, and executive officers of:

(a) Navy shore installations with 500 or more military and civilian DoD employees (including foreign nationals and indirect hire personnel regularly attached but excluding personnel attached for temporary duty); and

(b) All Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps installations, bases, air stations or activities.

(2) Special Government employees, except the following categories of DoD employees who are required to file reports only when specifically requested to do so by their supervisor:

(a) Physicians, dentists, and allied medical specialists engaged only in providing services to patients;

(b) Veterinarians providing only veterinary services;

(c) Lecturers participating only in educational activities;

(d) Chaplains performing only religious services;

(e) Individuals in the motion picture or television fields who are utilized only as narrators or actors in DoD productions;

(f) Reservists on active duty for less than 30 consecutive days during a calendar year; and

(g) Members of selection panels for ROTC candidates.

(3) DoD employees classified at GS/GM-15 or below under 5 U.S.C. 5332 (reference (c)) or a comparable pay level under other authority, and members of the military below the grade of O-7 as follows:

(a) When the official responsibilities of such DoD employees require them to participate personally and substantially through decision or exercise of significant judgment in taking an official action for contracting or procurement, administering or monitoring grants, subsidies, licenses or other Federally conferred financial or operational benefits, regulating or auditing any non-Federal entity, or other activities in which the final decision or action may have a direct and substantial economic impact on the interests of any non-Federal entity;

(b) Any DoD employees serving in a position in which his supervisor determines that the duties and responsibilities of the position require the DoD

employee to file such a report to avoid an actual or apparent conflict of interest and to carry out the purpose of any statute, Executive Order, or regulation applicable to or administered by that reporting individual;

(4) Individuals who are detailed to positions described in subsection 7-300.a.(3) of this Regulation, above.

(5) Individuals serving on detail under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, from State or local governments, institutions of higher education or other eligible organizations. See 5 U.S.C. 3371-3376 (reference (c)).

b. Exclusion

(1) Any DoD employee or group of DoD employees may be excluded from all or a portion of the reporting requirements when the DoD Component Head or designee determines that a report is unnecessary because of the remoteness of any impairment to the integrity of the Federal Government, because of the degree of supervision and review of the DoD employee's work, or because the use of an alternative procedure is adequate to prevent possible conflicts of interest. Any alternative procedure must be approved in writing by OGE.

(2) DoD employees who are not employed in contracting or procurement and who have decisionmaking responsibilities regarding expenditures of less than \$2,500 per purchase and less than \$20,000 cumulatively per year are excluded from the requirement to file the SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation. However, Agency Designees may require such DoD employees, in individual cases, to file the SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation. Such DoD employees remain subject to conflict of interest statutes and regulations.

7-301. Information on Covered Positions

a. The directors of personnel offices are responsible for providing the following information to their DoD Component DAEs or designees they service:

(1) Immediately upon the appointment of covered DoD employees, the name, position, organization and entrance-on-duty date of DoD employees required by their supervisor to file a new entrant SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation;

(2) By October 3 of each year, a list of the names, positions and organizations, when applicable, of DoD employees who are required to file an annual SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation.

b. Coordination is required as follows:

shall coordinate with the supervisors within their organization, in consultation with the DoD Component DAEO or designee, to update the list of annual reporting individuals in their organization and report any additions or deletions to the concerned Ethics Counselor by October 31 of each year. In addition, it is the Administrative Officers' responsibility to ensure that any new positions are evaluated to determine whether such reports are required; or

(2) The directors of personnel offices shall coordinate with Ethics Counselors and supervisors to ensure that position or billet descriptions of reporting individuals described in subsection 7-300 of this Regulation, above, contain a statement that an SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, must be filed. All new or revised position or billet descriptions shall be reviewed to determine whether such reports are required.

7-302. Notification of Requirement to File. DoD Component DAEOs or designees shall provide appropriate notices and instructions to ensure the timely preparation of the reports and submission to their supervisors and their Ethics Counselors for review and filing. The SF 450, Appendix c of this Regulation, may be accessed through the internet at <http://web1.whs.osd.mil/diorhome.htm>.

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7-303. Time of Filing

a. New Entrant Reports

(1) Except for a special Government employee, a reporting individual shall submit an SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, with information current as of the filing date for the preceding 12 months, through his supervisor to his Ethics Counselor not later than 30 days after assuming duties in a covered position. Upon transfer or reassignment from one covered position to another, a reporting individual shall submit a copy of his previous report to the appropriate supervisor of the new position.

(2) A special Government employee shall submit an SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, with information current as of the filing date for the preceding 12 months, through his supervisor to his Ethics Counselor before assuming duties in a covered position. A special Government employee whose appointment is renewed shall file a new entrant report for the preceding 12 months prior to his reappointment. A special Government employee whose appointment exceeds one year shall file a new entrant report on the anniversary of his appointment.

b. Annual Reports. A reporting individual (except a special Government employee) who was employed at least 61 days during the preceding reporting period must submit an SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, to his Ethics Counselor by November 30 of each year covering the preceding 12 months (or any portion thereof not covered by a new entrant report), with information current as of September 30 of that year. A reporting individual

who is reassigned or transferred from one covered position to another during the reporting period shall file an annual report whether or not he was employed in that position for 61 days.

c. Extension of Filing Deadline

(1) When required by reason of duty assignment, infirmity, or other good cause affecting a reporting individual, the DoD Component DAEO or designee may grant an extension of the filing deadline, not to exceed 60 days for annual reports or 90 days for new entrant reports.

(2) Requests for extensions shall be submitted in writing.

(3) Each annual reporting individual is automatically granted a 30 day extension by this Regulation to make the reporting deadline November 30 as stated in subsection 7-303.b. of this Regulation, above. This automatic extension need not be annotated on an individual report. Any other extension shall be noted.

7-304. Content of Report

a. Instructions for completing the SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, are included on the report. See instructions at 5 C.F.R. 2634.907 and 908 (reference (a)) in subsection 7-100 of this Regulation, above, for additional guidance or contact the local Ethics Counselor.

b. A complete report is required even though no changes have occurred since the last submission.

c. A reporting individual shall request required information known only to another person to be submitted by that person to appropriate reviewing authorities. Such a submission may be made with a request for confidentiality which shall be honored by DoD reviewing authorities when appropriate, even if it limits disclosure to the reporting individual.

7-305. Chain of Submission. A reporting individual shall submit his SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, through his supervisor to his Ethics Counselor. It is the responsibility of the reporting individual to ensure that an annual report is filed by November 30.

7-306. Review

a. Upon receipt of an SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, the supervisor of the reporting individual shall provide an initial review of the report using the criteria set forth in subsection 7-306.b. of this Regulation, below, and forward it with any comments to the local Ethics Counselor for further review.

7-309. Status Reports

a. Not later than December 15 of each year, Ethics Counselors shall prepare a consolidated status report concerning the annual filing of the SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation. The status report shall be sent through the head of the DoD Component command or organization to the respective DoD Component DAEO or designee and shall contain the following information:

(1) The number of individuals required to file an annual SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation; and

(2) The number of individuals who have not filed an SF 450 as of November 30.

b. Subsequent to December 15, monthly reports may be required by the DoD Component DAEO to be filed for those organizations which have not received an SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, from all reporting individuals required to file, until 100% compliance has been achieved. These monthly reports shall be forwarded as described in subsection 7-309.a., above.

7-310. Penalties

a. Administrative Penalties. Anyone failing to file a report, or falsifying or failing to file required information, may be subject to disciplinary action by the employing organization, including such measures as suspension of consideration for appointment, reassignment of duties and termination of employment.

b. Criminal Liability. Anyone who knowingly or willfully falsifies information on a report may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 (reference (d)).

* SECTION 4. REFERENCES *

* 7-400. References *

- (a) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2634, "Financial Disclosures, Qualified Trusts, and Certificates of Divestiture for Executive Branch Employees," current edition
- (b) Public Law 95-521, "Ethics in Government Act of 1979," October 26, 1978, as amended
- (c) Title 5, United States Code, Sections 552, 552a, 3371-3376, and 5332
- (d) Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 11, Sections 208 and 1001
- (e) Executive Order 12674, "Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees,"

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April 12, 1989, as amended

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CHAPTER 8

SEEKING OTHER EMPLOYMENT

SECTION 1. GENERAL RULES

8-100. Office of Government Ethics Regulation. 5 C.F.R. 2635, Subpart F (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, provides rules on seeking other employment that apply to all DoD employees.

SECTION 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST - (18 U.S.C. 208) (reference (b))

8-200. Negotiating for Employment. See 5 C.F.R. 2635.603 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation for provisions on conflicts of interest in employment negotiations under 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (b)). The provisions of 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (b)) and related provisions of OGE regulations do not apply to enlisted members. However, provisions similar to 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (b)) do apply to enlisted members as follows: *except as approved by the DoD Component DAEO or designee, an enlisted member, including an enlisted special Government employee, shall not participate personally and substantially as part of his official DoD duties, in any particular matter in which he, his spouse, minor child, partner, entity in which he is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner or employee or any entity with which he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment, has a financial interest.* See 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (b)), subsections

1-300(b)(1)(a) and 5-301 of this Regulation, and 5 C.F.R. 2635.603 (reference (a)) in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

8-201. Penalties. Violation of 18 U.S.C. 208 (reference (b)) is punishable by a fine and imprisonment. The full range of administrative sanctions may also be imposed.

SECTION 3. PROCUREMENT INTEGRITY - (41 U.S.C. 423(b))
(reference (c))

8-300. Soliciting, Accepting, or Discussing Employment

a. During the conduct of a procurement, a procurement official may not knowingly, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept from, or discuss with, any officer, employee, representative, agent, or consultant of a competing contractor, any future employment or business opportunity. See FAR 3.104-6 (reference (d)) in Appendix B of this Regulation.

b. This prohibition does not apply to a procurement official:

(1) After he leaves Federal Government service;

(2) Who is employed by a contractor, subcontractor, consultant, expert, or advisor after he ceases to act on behalf of, or provide advice to, the procuring agency concerning the procurement;

(3) Who has been granted recusal, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of FAR 3.104-6 (reference (d)) in Appendix B of this Regulation and subsection 8-300.d. of this Regulation, below, and who has in fact discontinued participation in the procurement;

(4) Whose only communication with a competing contractor is to reject an unsolicited offer of employment or business opportunity or advise the competing contractor that he must seek recusal prior to any discussions regarding the unsolicited offer;

(5) Who has made inquiry in good faith of the potential contractor and been advised that the contractor is not or will not become a competing contractor on a procurement on which the individual is a procurement official; or

(6) Where the procurement official engages in conduct in good faith reliance upon a written ethics advisory opinion;

(7) After the procurement has been concluded by the award or modification of a contract or the cancellation of the procurement.

c. A procurement official may discuss employment or business opportunities with a competing contractor only if a written recusal request was submitted and approved in accordance with the policy and procedures contained in FAR 3.104-6(c) through (h) (reference (d)) in Appendix B of this

Regulation. The head of the contracting activity has the authority to approve or disapprove a request for recusal; however, he may not approve recusal for a procurement official who has participated personally and substantially in certain evaluation functions listed in subsection 3.104-6(c) of the FAR in Appendix B of this Regulation.

d. Any DoD procurement official or former DoD procurement official may, by written request, seek advice from his DoD Component DAEO or designee regarding whether he may be precluded by the procurement integrity rules from engaging in a specified activity. See FAR 3.104-8 (reference (d)) in Appendix B of this Regulation.

(1) The request must provide the DoD Component DAEO or designee with sufficient information to make a determination.

(2) The DoD Component DAEO shall make his determination, in writing, within 30 days, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

(3) A copy of the request and the ethics advisory opinion shall be retained for six years, in accordance with DoD Component procedures.

8-301. Penalties. Violation of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (c)) is punishable by the full range of sanctions, including the following:

a. Civil Penalties. Individual violators may be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$100,000. Violators, other than individuals, may be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$1 million.

* b. Administrative Sanctions. See subsection 10-300
* through 10-304 of this Regulation. *

* SECTION 4. DoD GUIDANCE *

* 8-400. Appearances. DoD employees shall: *

a. Ensure that the prospect of employment does not affect the performance or non-performance of their official duties;

b. Ensure that they do not communicate inside information to a prospective employer; and

c. Avoid any activity that would affect the public's confidence in the integrity of the Federal Government, even if it is not an actual violation of the law.

* 8-401. Written Guidance. DoD employees may obtain
* counseling and written advice concerning restrictions on seeking other
employment from their Ethics Counselor:

a. Although the counseling and advice are given by DoD attorneys and involve the interpretation of law and regulation and rendering of legal opinion, no attorney-client or other confidential relationship is created. Communications made to an Ethics Counselor in seeking such advice are not privileged.

b. This counseling and advice is personal to the current or former DoD employee. It does not extend to the individual's business, employer, or prospective employer.

* SECTION 5. REFERENCES *

* 8-500. References *

- (a) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2635, "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch," current edition
- (b) Title 18, United States Code, Section 208
- (c) Title 41, United States Code, Section 423
- (d) Federal Acquisition Regulation, Part 3.104, current edition

SECTION 4. DoD GUIDANCE ON 18 U.S.C. 207 (reference (c))

9-400. Exceptions to Restrictions of 18 U.S.C. 207

(reference (c)). The restrictions imposed by 18 U.S.C. 207(a), (c) and (d) (reference (c)) do not apply to communications made solely to furnish scientific and technical information that are authorized by the Head of the DoD Component.

a. To obtain such an authorization in the case of former DoD employees:

(1) The head of the DoD Component command or organization involved shall submit, in writing, to the Head of the DoD Component a request that the former DoD employee be permitted to participate in a particular matter from which he would ordinarily be barred under 18 U.S.C. 207 (reference (c));

(2) The Head of the DoD Component or designee may determine in writing that such participation is appropriate if:

(a) The former DoD employee has outstanding scientific or technological qualifications;

(b) The national interest of the United

States would be served by such participation;

(c) The former DoD employee has qualifications that are otherwise unavailable; and

(d) The Head of the DoD Component or designee has consulted with the DoD Component DAEO.

b. In cases involving former Federal Government employees other than former DoD employees, authorization may be obtained in accordance with procedures in 18 U.S.C. 207(j)(5) (reference (c)).

SECTION 5. POST-EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING AND ADVICE

9-500. Written Advice. Current and former DoD employees may obtain counseling and written advice concerning post-employment restrictions from the Ethics Counselor of the DoD Component command or organization from which they are leaving, or have left, Federal Government service. Current and former DoD employees are, by statute, entitled to written advice from the DoD Component DAEO or designee under 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (e)). See subsections 9-600.c. of this Regulation, below.

a. Although ethics counseling and advice are given by DoD attorneys and involve interpretation of law and regulation and rendering of legal opinion, no attorney-client or other confidential relationship is created.

Communications made to an Ethics Counselor in seeking such advice are not privileged.

b. Ethics counseling and advice are personal to the current or former DoD employee. They do not extend to anyone else, including his business, employer, or prospective employer.

9-501. Delegation of Authority. The DoD Component DAEO may specifically delegate authority in writing for Ethics Counselors within the DoD Component to provide written advice under 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (e)). In any case where the local Ethics Counselor does not have the authority by written delegation, he shall provide the counseling and obtain the request for advice and necessary supporting information from the DoD employee and forward it to the DoD Component DAEO or designee who has been specifically delegated the authority in writing to issue the written advice.

SECTION 6. RESTRICTIONS RESULTING FROM PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

9-600. 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (e))

a. Restrictions. This statute restricts a former DoD employee who was a procurement official with respect to a particular procurement from knowingly:

(1) Participating in any manner on behalf of a competing contractor in any negotiations leading to the award or modification of a defense contract for such procurement; or

(2) Participating personally and substantially on behalf of the competing contractor in the performance of such defense contract.

b. Period of Restrictions. Both restrictions apply for a period of two years from the date of the former DoD employee's last personal and substantial participation in the procurement on behalf of the Federal Government. Neither applies unless the individual was a DoD employee of the Federal Government at the time he served as a procurement official.

c. Written Opinion

(1) A DoD employee or former DoD employee who is or was a procurement official is, by statute, entitled to a written opinion regarding the applicability of this statute to his specific circumstances. A request for such an opinion shall be submitted in writing to the Ethics Counselor serving the DoD Component command or organization the DoD employee is leaving or from which he has separated. The request shall set forth all information relevant to the request. See FAR 3.104-8(e) (reference (f)) in Appendix B of this Regulation.

(2) Ethics Counselors who have not been

* delegated specific authority in writing to issue 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (e)) *
written opinions shall promptly forward the request to the DoD Component
DAEO or designee who has such authority.

(3) Written opinions shall be issued within 30
days of receiving the request, together with all necessary information.

(4) Where the DoD employee or former DoD
employee relies in good faith on a written opinion that this statute is not
applicable to a specific situation, the DoD employee or former DoD employee
shall not be found to have knowingly violated the restrictions of the statute.

(5) A copy of each 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (e)) *
opinion shall be retained by the DoD Component DAEO or designee for three
years.

SECTION 7. RESTRICTIONS ON RETIRED MILITARY MEMBERS

* 9-700. Restrictions on Federal Government Employment *

a. Dual Compensation Laws. A retired member of any
uniformed service who holds a civilian position with the Federal Government is
subject to reduction of retired pay while receiving pay from a Federal
Government civilian position. The term "retired member" means anyone, officer

* or enlisted, entitled to receive retired pay. The term "retired pay" includes both retired and retainer pay. The current law generally applies to retired Regular officers, retired at any time, and to all former members of the uniformed services who left active duty after January 11, 1979. See 5 U.S.C. 5532 (reference (g)) for exceptions to this general rule. *

(1) The Dual Compensation Reduction Formulas.

There are two provisions in the current dual compensation law which may operate to reduce the retired pay of retired members of the uniformed services who hold Federal Government civilian positions.

(a) The First Reduction Provision. The first reduction provision applies only to retired Regular officers who retired at any time. This provision operates to reduce the retired pay of a retired Regular military officer receiving pay from a Federal Government civilian position regardless of the amount of salary from that civilian position. It provides that such retired military officer is entitled to receive the full pay of the civilian position, but retired pay will be reduced to an annual rate equal to a base amount plus one-half of the remainder of the retired pay, if any. The base amount is increased periodically to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. See 5 U.S.C. 5532(b) (reference (g)). *

(b) The Second Reduction Provision. The second reduction provision applies, in general, to all retired military members who first received retired pay after January 11, 1979. The reduction depends

upon the amount of pay received from the Federal Government civilian position. This provision operates to reduce the retired pay of a retired member when the annual rate of pay for the civilian position combined with the annual rate of retired pay (reduced in the case of retired Regular officers as discussed in subsection 9-702.a.(1)(a) of this Regulation, above) exceeds the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule. Reductions are computed as follows:

1 If the combination of pay from the civilian position and retired pay exceeds the amount currently paid for level V of the Executive Schedule, the retired pay will be reduced to keep the total at the level V limit.

2 Reductions to retired pay are made per pay period whenever the combination of the two salaries for the pay period exceeds the pay for a level V position for that pay period. Reductions made in such pay periods are not refundable even when the combined pay amounts for the total year is less than the annual rate for level V of the Executive Schedule;

3 The amount of retired pay may not be reduced to an amount less than the amount deducted from the retired pay as a result of participation in any survivor's benefits in connection with retired pay or veterans insurance programs and no reductions shall be made to retired

pay based, in whole or in part, upon disability incurred in the line of duty as a direct result of armed conflict or during a period of war.

(2) Waivers

(a) A retired member may, in certain limited circumstances, obtain a waiver so that his retired pay would not be reduced while holding a Federal Government civilian position. See 5 U.S.C. 5532(g) (reference (g)). The circumstances under which a waiver may be granted are:

1 On a case-by-case basis for a retired member holding a Federal Government civilian position for which there is exceptional difficulty in recruiting or retaining a qualified employee; or

2 For temporary employment that is necessary due to an emergency involving a direct threat to life or property, or under other unusual circumstances.

(b) The Director, OPM, may grant a waiver at the request of the Head of an Executive Agency. Additionally, the Director, OPM, may delegate to an agency the authority to grant waivers for the temporary employment of retired members during emergencies or other unusual circumstances, but not for employment necessitated by exceptional difficulties in recruiting or retaining qualified individuals. The Director, OPM, has delegated to

DoD authority to approve dual compensation restriction waivers in certain circumstances at installations scheduled for closure.

(c) Waivers are to be the exception, not the rule. If appropriate, however, a waiver may be obtained for either or both of the dual compensation reductions. See 5 C.F.R. 553 (reference (h)) for procedures for obtaining a waiver.

b. Post-Military Service Employment in DoD under 5 U.S.C. 3326 (reference (g)). As of November 6, 1992, the suspension of this provision ended. See DoD Directive 1402.1 (reference (i)). To avoid appearances of favoritism or preferential treatment, retired military members may not be selected to fill civil service positions in DoD (including non-appropriated fund instrumentalities) within 180 days following retirement unless:

(1) The appointment is authorized by the Secretary of a Military Department or designee, or by OPM if the position is in the competitive service;

(2) The minimum rate of basic pay for the position has been increased under 5 U.S.C. 5305 (reference (g)); or

(3) A state of national emergency exists.

* 9-701. Foreign Employment Restrictions *

* a. Article I, Section 9, Clause 8, of the Constitution of the United States (reference (j)), prohibits any person holding any office of profit or trust under the Federal Government from accepting any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince, or foreign state without the consent of Congress. *

* (1) This provision prohibits employment of all retired military members, both officer and enlisted and both Regular and Reserve, by a foreign government unless Congressional consent is first granted. See 44 Comp. Gen. 130 (reference (k)). *

(2) Employment by educational or commercial institutions owned, operated, or controlled by a foreign government is included within the scope of this restriction.

* (3) The penalty for violation is withholding the retired military member's retired pay in an amount equal to the foreign salary illegally received. See 61 Comp. Gen. 306 (reference (l)). *

b. Congress has consented to the acceptance of civil employment with a foreign government by, among others, retired Regular military members and Reserve military members, if both the Secretary of the Military Department and the Secretary of State approve the employment. See

* 37 U.S.C. 908 (reference (m)). Because approval is prospective only, foreign *
civil employment should not be accepted until approval has been obtained.
Retired military members who wish to accept such employment should submit a
written request for approval to the Secretary of their Military Department through
appropriate channels. The request must fully describe the contemplated
employment and the nature and extent of the involvement with the foreign
government.

* c. A former military member desiring employment with *
a foreign government or any foreign business interest may be required to register
as an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, 22 U.S.C. 611 et. seq. (reference (n)). Any person who acts as an agent of
a foreign principal must file a registration statement with the U.S. Attorney
General.

SECTION 8. RESTRICTIONS ON FORMER SENIOR APPOINTEES

* 9-800. Executive Order 12834. E.O. 12834 (reference (o)), in *
subsection 12-200 of this Regulation, requires contractual ethics commitments
regarding post-Government service employment from full-time, non-career
Presidential, Vice-Presidential or Agency Head appointees in an Executive
Agency whose rate of basic pay is not less than the rate for level V of the
Executive Schedule, except for those appointed as members of the senior foreign
service or solely as uniformed service commissioned officers. See E.O. 12834

* (reference (o)) in subsection 12-200 of this Regulation and OGE Form 203,
"Senior Appointee Pledge," January 1993, and OGE Form 204, "Trade
Negotiation Pledge," January 1993, Appendix C of this Regulation.

SECTION 9. RESTRICTIONS ON DEALING WITH CURRENT OR FORMER DoD EMPLOYEES

9-900. General Rule. Current DoD employees shall not knowingly
deal, on behalf of the Federal Government, with current or former DoD
employees whose participation in the transaction violates any statute or DoD
directive, regulation or policy.

9-901. Terminal Leave

a. Military members on terminal leave may accept
civilian employment with the Federal Government and are entitled to the pay of
that civilian position in addition to the pay and allowances to which entitled
while on terminal leave. See 5 U.S.C. 5534a (reference (g)).

b. A military officer on active duty may not accept a
civil office with a State or local government, nor may he perform the duties of
such an office. See 10 U.S.C. 973(b)(3) (reference (p)). This applies while the
military officer is on terminal leave. See 56 Comp. Gen. 855 (reference (q)).

SECTION 10. REFERENCES

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9-1000. References

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- (a) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2637,
"Regulations Concerning Post-Employment Conflict
of Interest," current edition
- (b) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2641,
"Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions,"
current edition
- (c) Title 18, United States Code, Sections 207, 281, and
1001
- (d) Office of Government Ethics Memorandum,
"Revised Materials Relating to 18 U.S.C.
207," November 5, 1992
- (e) Title 41, United States Code, Section 423
- (f) Federal Acquisition Regulation, Part 3.104, current
edition
- (g) Title 5, United States Code, Sections 3326, 5305,
5532, and 5534
- (h) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 553,
"Reemployment of Military and Civilian Retirees to
Meet Exceptional Employment Needs," current
edition
- (i) DoD Directive 1402.1, "Employment of Retired
Members of the Armed Forces (NOTAL),"

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- (j) United States Constitution, Article I, Section 9, Clause 8
- (k) Decision of the Comptroller General, Volume 44, page 130 (1964)
- (l) Decision of the Comptroller General, Volume 61, page 306 (1982)
- (m) Title 37, United States Code, Section 908
- (n) Title 22, United States Code, Section 611 et seq
- (o) Executive Order 12834, "Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees," January 20, 1993
- (p) Title 10, United States Code, Section 973
- (q) Decision of the Comptroller General, Volume 56, page 855 (1977)

CHAPTER 10

ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 1. ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT ETHICS REGULATION

10-100. Penalties. Penalties for violation of the rules republished in, and prescribed by, this Regulation include the full range of applicable criminal, civil and administrative sanctions for current DoD employees, including punishment under the UCMJ (reference (a)) for military members. Many of the statutes that regulate the post-Government service employment activities of former or retired DoD employees also provide for specific criminal and administrative sanctions. This Chapter sets out the requirements for reporting and inquiry to ensure that ethics-related laws and regulations are properly enforced and that appropriate administrative or disciplinary action is taken.

SECTION 2. REPORTING PROCEDURES

10-200. Reporting Suspected Violations. With the exception of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (b)) that are addressed in subsection 10-202 of this Regulation, below, DoD employees who suspect that a violation of

this Regulation has occurred shall report the matter to any of the following:

- a. The DoD employee's Agency Designee;
- b. The suspected violator's Agency Designee;
- c. The head of the DoD Component command or organization;
- d. Any Ethics Counselor;
- e. The DoD Component's IG;
- f. The DoD Component's criminal investigative office;
or
- g. The DoD hotline or DoD Component hotline.

10-201. Receipt of Report

- a. DoD Component investigative offices shall consult local Ethics Counselors as appropriate to ensure that up-to-date expertise is applied in the investigation of each suspected violation of this Regulation in recognition of rapidly changing rules and statutes in the ethics area.

b. If a suspected violation is reported to some entity other than those named in 10-200.d. through g. of this Regulation, above, then the notified person shall promptly report the matter to his Ethics Counselor.

c. An Ethics Counselor who receives a report shall review the facts and, if the facts tend to support a violation, report the allegation to the appropriate investigative organization or, through the chain of command or supervision, to the head of the DoD Component command or organization of the suspected violator. In addition, the Ethics Counselor must ensure that the following is accomplished:

(1) If a violation of 18 U.S.C. 203, 205, 207, 208 or 209 (reference (c)) is suspected, the matter shall be reported to the DoD Component's criminal investigative organization. The investigative organization is responsible for investigating the allegation and notifying DoJ in accordance with DoD Directive 5525.7 (reference (d)). In addition, the Ethics Counselor shall:

(a) Report to the DoD Component DAEO as follows:

1 The name and position (optional) of the informant;

- 2 The name and position of the suspect;
 - 3 The suspected offense;
 - 4 The facts, as known or believed;
 - 5 The status of any action being taken.
- (b) File periodic follow-up reports with the DoD Component DAEO until a final determination is made;
- (c) If the matter is referred to the DoJ or the U.S. Attorney, include OGE Form 202, "Notification of Conflict of Interest Referral," January 1992, Appendix C of this Regulation, in the referral packet and send a copy to the DoD Component DAEO for forwarding to OGE.

* (2) If a violation of 18 U.S.C. 201 (reference (c)) is suspected, it shall be handled in the same manner as subsection 10-201.c.(1)(a) *

of this Regulation, above, except that OGE Form 202, Appendix C of this Regulation, is not used for referrals;

* (3) If a violation of 5 C.F.R. 2635 (reference (e)) *
in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation involving a loss to the Federal Government of \$5,000 or more is suspected, the Ethics Counselor shall report the matter to the DoD Component DAEO in the same manner as in subsection 10-201.c.(1)(a) of this Regulation, above.

d. In addition, if any of the above violations fall within a DoD Component's procurement fraud program, the Ethics Counselor shall ensure that referrals, coordinations, and reports required by that program are accomplished. If the matter includes a suspected violation of the Gratuities Clause in a defense contract, the Ethics Counselor shall report the matter in accordance with DoD Component procedures issued pursuant to FAR 3.203 (reference (f)) in Appendix B of this Regulation. See subsection 10-202 of this Regulation, below. *

e. For matters not handled within the DoD Component's procurement fraud program, any civil or criminal referrals to DoJ or the local U.S. Attorney of violations of this Regulation shall be coordinated with the DoD Component DAEO. The DoD Component DAEO shall be informed of referrals of violations of this Regulation handled within the DoD Component's procurement fraud program.

10-202. Violations of 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (b))

* a. Administrative Sanctions. Suspected violations of 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (b)) shall be processed in accordance with FAR 3.104-11 (reference (f)) in Appendix B of this Regulation. See 41 U.S.C. 423(h)(2) (reference (b)). *

b. Civil Sanctions. Suspected civil violations may be referred through the DoD Component DAEO to DoJ. See 41 U.S.C. 423(i) (reference (b)).

c. Criminal Sanctions. Suspected violations that involve the improper release of source selection information should be referred to the appropriate criminal investigative organization. See 41 U.S.C. 423(j) (reference (b)).

d. Reporting. Any suspected violation of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 423 (reference (b)) shall be reported as soon as practicable to the appropriate contracting officer. See 41 U.S.C. 423(h)(1) (reference (b)). Any actions taken as the result of the above referrals shall be reported to the DoD Component DAEO in accordance with subsection 10-201.c.(1)(a) of this Regulation, above.

* SECTION 3. REFERENCES *

10-300. References

- (a) Title 10, United States Code, Sections 801-940
(Uniform Code of Military Justice)
- (b) Title 41, United States Code, Section 423
- (c) Title 18, United States Code, Sections 201, 203, 205,
207, 208, 209
- (d) DoD Directive 5525.7, "Implementation of the
Memorandum of Understanding Between the
Department of Justice and the Department of Defense
Relating to the Investigation and Prosecution of
Certain Crimes," January 22, 1985
- (e) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2635,
"Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the
Executive Branch," current edition
- (f) Federal Acquisition Regulation, Parts 3.104 and
3.203, current edition

(3) If the DoD Component DAEO makes, with the approval of OGE, a written determination that it is impractical to accomplish CIAET training in the presence of a Qualified Individual, then DoD employees who are required to receive AET may be trained by other means within the minimum training requirement set out by OGE in 5 C.F.R. 2638.704 (reference (a)) in subsection 11-100 of this Regulation, above. OGE requires the written determination to identify the particular DoD employees or groups of DoD employees concerned and the specific circumstances that make the presence of a Qualified Individual impractical (mere administrative inconvenience or cost to an agency, standing alone, shall not justify such determination).

c. The term "immediate office" as used in 5 C.F.R. 2638.703 (reference (a)) in subsection 11-100 of this Regulation, above, shall mean the local Ethics Counselor's.

d. CIAET shall be a minimum of one hour.

e. Those DoD employees who are required to receive AET will satisfy their 1993 annual ethics training obligation if they attended CIAET in 1992 or 1993.

11-301. Initial Ethics Training (IET) for New DoD Employees

a. Within 90 days of entering on duty, all DoD employees who did not receive CIAET, including those required to receive AET and enlisted members, shall receive IET for new DoD employees.

b. IET shall be accomplished in person by a Qualified Individual or by recording in the presence of a Qualified Individual, and such IET shall qualify as AET for the year the new DoD employees entered on duty, subject to the following exceptions:

(1) If the DoD Component DAEO determines it is impractical to accomplish IET in the presence of a Qualified Individual, DoD employees who are not required to receive AET may be trained by other means within the minimum training requirements set out by OGE in 5 C.F.R. 2638.703 (reference (a)) in subsection 11-100 of this Regulation, above;

(2) If the DoD Component DAEO determines that it is impractical to accomplish IET in the presence of a Qualified Individual, then DoD employees who are required to receive AET may be trained by other means within the minimum training

requirement set out by OGE in 5 C.F.R. 2638.704 (reference (a)) in subsection 11-100 of this Regulation, provided that such DoD employees receive additional annual ethics training, either CIAET, IET or AET, if more than three months remain of the calendar year in which those DoD employees entered on duty.

c. The term "immediate office" as used in 5 C.F.R. 2638.703 (reference (a)) in subsection 11-100 of this Regulation, above, shall mean the local Ethics Counselor's office.

d. IET shall be a minimum of one hour.

11-302. Annual Ethics Training (AET)

a. Beginning in calendar year 1994, all DoD employees who file an SF 278 or SF 450, Appendix C of this Regulation, contracting officers and procurement officials, shall receive ethics training annually.

b. AET shall be accomplished in person by a Qualified Individual or by telecommunications, computer-based methods, or recorded means, that are prepared by a Qualified Individual, subject to the following exceptions:

(1) If the DoD Component DAEO determines it is impractical to accomplish AET by the means described in subsection 11-302.b. of this Regulations, above, then special Government employees and military officers serving fewer than 30 consecutive days annually, may be trained by other means.

(2) If the DoD Component DAEO makes a written determination that it is impractical to accomplish AET by the means described in subsection 11-302.b. of this Regulation, above, then DoD employees other than special Government employees and military members serving fewer than 30 days annually may be trained by other means as long as a minimum of one hour of official time is set aside for such employees to review training materials.

11-303. Annual Ethics Training Plans. DoD Agency (see definition of "Agency") ethics training plans for 1994 and subsequent ethics training plans in accordance with subsections 11-301 and 11-302 of this Regulation, above, shall be submitted by DoD Component DAEOs or designees directly to OGE with copies furnished to SOCO. DoD Components that are not Agencies shall submit annual ethics training plans to SOCO for approval and inclusion in the ethics training plan SOCO submits to OGE.

APPENDIX ADIGEST OF LAWSSECTION 1. DoD-SPECIFIC STATUTES

A-100. Synopsis of Laws. DoD employees and former DoD employees are cautioned that the descriptions of the laws and regulations in this Regulation should not be the only source relied upon to make decisions regarding their activities. Although the descriptions do provide general guidelines, the descriptions are not exhaustive and restrictions are dependent on the specific facts in a particular case. Accordingly, DoD employees and former DoD employees are encouraged to discuss specific cases with a DoD Component Ethics Counselor (no attorney-client privilege) or with private counsel.

A-101. 10 U.S.C. 2397a, "Requirements Relating to Private Employment Contacts Between Certain DoD Procurement Officials and Defense Contractors"

a. This statute was repealed on February 10, 1996, by Pub. L. 104-106. It applied to civilian DoD employees at pay rates of GS/GM-11 or above and to military officers in grades 0-4 or above. If such an individual participated in the performance of a procurement function in connection with a DoD awarded defense contract and was contacted by the defense contractor to whom the defense contract was awarded regarding future employment opportunities with the defense contractor, the individual was required to:

(1) Promptly report the contact to his supervisor and to the DoD Component DAEO; and

(2) Disqualify himself from all participation in the performance of procurement functions relating to contracts of the defense contractor.

b. A DoD employee was not required to report an initial contact with a defense contractor or disqualify himself if he terminated the contact immediately and rejected any offer of employment. The individual had to make a report and disqualify himself, however, if subsequent contacts were made.

A-102. 10 U.S.C. 2397, "Employees or Former Employees of Defense Contractors: Reports " This statute was repealed on February 10, 1996, by Pub. L. 104-106. It required all former civilian DoD employees GS/GM-13 or above, or military officers 0-4 or above, to file DD Form 1787, Appendix C of this Regulation, for a period of two-years after leaving Federal Government service, if the former DoD employee was employed with a defense contractor who had been awarded \$10 million in defense contracts during the year preceding employment of the former DoD employee, and the former DoD employee received at least \$25,000 a year (\$12 per

hour) from the defense contractor.

* A-103. 10 U.S.C. 2397b, "Certain Former DoD Procurement Officials: Limitations
* on Employment by Contractors". This statute was repealed on February 10, 1996, by Pub. L. 104-
106. It imposed a two year prohibition on former civilian DoD employees GS/GM-13 and above,
and former military officers 0-4 and above, from accepting more than \$250 in payment, gift,
benefit, reward, favor, or gratuity (i.e., compensation) from defense contractors who had defense
contracts in a total amount greater than \$10 million during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year
that such compensation was accepted, if the individual:

a. Spent the majority of his working days during the two-year period prior to
leaving Federal Government service performing a procurement function at a site or plant owned or
operated by the defense contractor; or

b. Performed procurement functions relating to a major system, on a majority
of the individual's working days during the two-year period prior to leaving Federal Government
service, and in the performance of those functions participated personally and substantially in a
manner involving decision-making responsibilities, through contact with the defense contractor; or

c. In the case of former DoD employees, Senior Executive Service and above,
and former military officers 0-7 and above, acted as a primary representative of the United States
during the two-year period prior to leaving Federal Government service, in the negotiation of a
defense contract in an amount in excess of \$10 million with the defense contractor, or in the
negotiation of an unresolved claim in excess of \$10 million.

A-104. 18 U.S.C. 281, "Restriction on Retired Military Officers Regarding Certain
Matters Affecting the Government"

* a. This statute was repealed on February 10, 1996, by Pub. L. 104-106. It
* prohibited a retired military officer of the Armed Forces from accepting any compensation, for a
period of two-years after release from active duty, for the representation of any individual in the
sale of anything to the United States through the Military Department from which the military
officer retired.

* b. The statute also prohibited a retired military officer, during the two-year
period following the military officer's release from active duty, from prosecuting or assisting in the
prosecution of any claim against the United States involving the Military Department from which
the military officer retired, or involving any subject matter with which the military officer was
directly connected while in an active duty status.

* A-105. 37 U.S.C. 801, "Restriction on Payment to Certain Officers". This statute
was repealed on October 13, 1994, by Pub. L. 103-335. It prohibited the Federal Government
from paying any retired officer, for a period of three years after such military officer's name was
placed on a retired list of the Regular Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps, who was engaged

for himself or others in selling, or contracting or negotiating to sell, supplies or war material to an agency of DoD, the Coast Guard, the Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SECTION 2. OTHER LAWS RELATED TO STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

A-200. OGE Digest. Other ethics statutes are summarized in 5 C.F.R. 2635.801(d) and 902 in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation.

A-201. Related Statutes. Engaging in the following activities may subject current and former DoD employees to criminal and/or other penalties:

- a. Aiding, abetting, counseling, commanding, inducing, or procuring another to commit a crime under any criminal statute (18 U.S.C. 2);
- b. Concealing or failing to report to proper authorities the commission of a felony under any criminal statute if the individual knew of the actual commission of the crime (18 U.S.C. 4);
- c. Conspiring with one or more persons to commit a crime under any criminal statute or to defraud the United States, if any party to the conspiracy does any act to further the object of the conspiracy (18 U.S.C. 371);
- d. Misuse of a Federal Government vehicle (31 U.S.C. 1344 and 1349(b));
- e. Interference in an examination or personnel action in connection with Federal Government employment (18 U.S.C. 1917);
- f. Conversion of Federal Government property (18 U.S.C. 641);
- g. Private use of public money (18 U.S.C. 653), embezzlement of the money or property of another individual in the possession of a DoD employee by reason of his Federal Government employment (18 U.S.C. 654);
- h. Certain political activities (5 U.S.C. 7321-7327, 18 U.S.C. 600-603 and 606-607 apply to civilian DoD employees, and DoD Directive 1344.10 applies to military members);
- i. Failing to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1983 and acting as an agent of a foreign principal when required to register (18 U.S.C. 219);
- j. Soliciting contributions for gifts or giving gifts to superiors, or accepting

gifts from subordinates (5 U.S.C. 7351) applies to civilians; regulations set out in 5 C.F.R. 2635.301 through 304 in subsection 2-100 of this Regulation, and subsection 2-203 of this Regulation, apply to both military and civilian DoD employees;

k. Accepting, without statutory authority, any present, emolument, office or title, or employment of any kind, from any king, prince, or foreign state without the consent of the Congress; this restriction applies to any person holding any office or profit in or trust of the Federal Government, including all retired military members and Regular enlisted members (Article I, Section 9, Clause 8, of the Constitution of the United States; exceptions to this restriction are at 37 U.S.C. 908);

- l. Union activities of military members (10 U.S.C. 976);
- m. Violating merit system principles (5 U.S.C. 2301).

SECTION 8. RESERVED

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