



**Do I need to let anyone  
know about my other  
interests?**



## **Conflict of Interest**

In fraud involving conflict of interest, a contracting or oversight official misrepresents that he or she is impartial in business decisions when he or she has an undisclosed financial interest in a contractor or consultant who inflates the job cost to the Government.

**Recognize and Report Fraud in  
Federally Funded Programs,  
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Office of Inspector General*

# Selected “Red Flag” Indicators of Conflicts of Interest

- ✓ Unexplained or unusual favoritism shown to a particular contractor or consultant
- ✓ Government official disclosing confidential bid information to a contractor or assisting the contractor in preparing the bid
- ✓ Employee having discussions about employment with a current or prospective contractor or consultant
- ✓ Close socialization with and acceptance of inappropriate gifts, travel, or entertainment from a contractor
- ✓ Vendor or consultant address being incomplete or matching employee’s address
- ✓ Government official leasing or renting equipment to a contractor for performing contract work
- ✓ Contracting or purchasing employee lives beyond his or her means
- ✓ Contracting employee fails to file Conflict of Interest or Financial Disclosure forms
- ✓ Employee declines promotion from a procurement position

## Contact OIG using any of the following methods:

**Online complaint form:** [www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp](http://www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp)

**Telephone:** (800) 424-9071

**Fax:** (540) 373-2090

**E-mail:** [hotline@oig.dot.gov](mailto:hotline@oig.dot.gov)

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