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.

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

Conflict of Interest

Recognize and Report Fraud in Federally Funded Programs, Contracts, and Grants

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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/dot-oig-hotline-complaint-form
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Fax: (704) 556-0732
E-mail: hotline@oig.dot.gov
Mail: USDOT Inspector General
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Room W73-104A
Washington, DC 20590

Note: The OIG Hotline is obligated to expeditiously forward all safety-related complaints to USDOT’s safety regulatory agencies for action, as appropriate.