

SUBTITLE 5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

15-501. RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATION.

(A) IN GENERAL.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A MATTER IF:

(1) THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OR A QUALIFYING RELATIVE OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE HAS AN INTEREST IN THE MATTER AND THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE KNOWS OF THE INTEREST; OR

(2) ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTY TO THE MATTER:

(I) A BUSINESS ENTITY IN WHICH THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE HAS A DIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST OF WHICH THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE REASONABLY MAY BE EXPECTED TO KNOW;

(II) A BUSINESS ENTITY OF WHICH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, TRUSTEE, PARTNER, OR EMPLOYEE:

1. THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE; OR

2. IF KNOWN TO THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, A QUALIFYING RELATIVE OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE;

(III) A BUSINESS ENTITY WITH WHICH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IS NEGOTIATING OR HAS ARRANGED PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYMENT:

1. THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE; OR

2. IF KNOWN TO THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, A QUALIFYING RELATIVE OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE;

(IV) IF THE CONTRACT REASONABLY COULD BE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PRIVATE INTEREST AND THE OFFICIAL STATE DUTIES OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS A PARTY TO A CONTRACT WITH:

1. THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE; OR

2. IF KNOWN TO THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, A QUALIFYING RELATIVE OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE;

(V) A BUSINESS ENTITY, EITHER ENGAGED IN A TRANSACTION WITH THE STATE OR SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, IN WHICH A DIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST IS OWNED BY ANOTHER BUSINESS ENTITY IF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE:

1. HAS A DIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY; AND