

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATUTES**

Full text of these statutes can be found at <http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/>

### **18 United States Code (U.S.C.) 201 - Bribery of public officials and witnesses**

Crime to corruptly give, offer or promise anything of value directly or indirectly to a public official with the intent to influence any official act (section 201(b)(1)) or to influence the commission of any fraud (including any aiding, abetting, collusion, permitting, or creating an opportunity for a fraud (section 201(b)(2))

### **18 U.S.C. 203 - Compensation to Members of Congress, officers, and others in matters affecting the Government**

Officers or employees may not demand, seek or receive compensation for any representational services as agent or attorney rendered personally or by another while an officer or employee in relation to a "particular matter" in which the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest.

### **18 U.S.C. 205 - Activities of officers and employees in claims against and other matters affecting the Government**

Officers or employees may not act as agent or attorney to prosecute any claim against the United States, or receive any gratuity, or share of any such claim, in exchange for assistance or act as agent or attorney before any department concerning a covered matter in which the U.S. is a party or has a direct or substantial interest. A "covered matter" means virtually any matter, including contracts, claims, controversies, investigations or other particular matter.

### **18 U.S.C 207- Restrictions on former employees**

An employee who has, in his or her official capacity, participated personally and substantially in a government contract or other particular matter, which involved a specific party or parties (such as a contractor) at the time of such participation, may not, at any time thereafter, knowingly make any communication to or appearance before any officer or employee of the United States, with the intent to influence such officer or employee, in connection with such government contract or other particular matter, on behalf of any person other than the United States.

### **18 U.S.C. 208 - Acts affecting a personal financial interest**

An employee is prohibited from participating personally and substantially in an official capacity in any particular matter in which, to his knowledge, he or any person whose interests are imputed to him under this statute has a financial interest, if the particular matter will have a direct and predictable effect on that interest. An 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 an 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.

### **18 U.S.C. 209 - Salary of Government officials and employees payable only by United States**

Prohibits an employee from receiving compensation for their work from any private source. Purpose is to prohibit outsiders from supplementing a government employee's salary.