
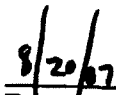


RECUSAL STATEMENT

THOMAS P. D'AGOSTINO

1. As required by 18 U.S.C. 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on my financial interests or those of any other person whose interests are imputed to me, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to section 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to section 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: my spouse, minor children, or any general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.
2. I hereby recuse myself from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter that will have a direct and predictable effect on any entity in which I have a financial interest within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 208, for as long as I hold such interest, unless I first obtain a waiver or qualify for a regulatory exemption pursuant to section 208(b)(1) or section 208(b)(2).
3. I have a "covered relationship" with USIC, an entity with whom the Department has a cooperative agreement, because my father is a part-time employee of USIC. It is highly unlikely any matter directly and predictably affecting USIC or the cooperative agreement will come before me in the course of my official duties. However, I will not participate in any particular matter involving specific parties in which USIC is, or represents, a party, unless authorized to do so pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 2635.502(d).
4. I have directed Captain Curtis Stevens to route all matters from which I am recused to William Ostendorff for appropriate disposition.


Thomas P. D'Agostino


Date