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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 2638.101 Authority and purpose.

(a) *Authority*. The regulations of this part are issued pursuant to the authority of titles I and IV of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–521, as amended) ("the Act").

(b) Purpose. These executive branch regulations supplement and implement titles I, IV and V of the Act, set forth more specifically certain procedures provided in those titles, and furnish examples, where appropriate.

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§ 2638.102 General policies.

(a) The Office of Government Ethics ("the Office") provides overall direction and leadership concerning executive branch policies related to preventing conflicts of interest. The head of each agency has primary responsibility for the administration of the "ethics in government" program within his or her agency. The Office carries out its leadership role by:

(1) Providing information on and promoting ethical standards in executive agencies;

(2) Consulting with agencies regarding their agency ethics programs and assisting them in interpreting ethics rules and regulations;

(3) Developing rules and regulations pertaining to conflicts of interests and standards of conduct;

(4) Monitoring compliance with the public and confidential financial disclosure requirements;

(5) Establishing a formal advisory opinion service; and

(6) Evaluating the effectiveness of programs designed to prevent conflicts of interests.

§ 2638.103 Agency regulations.

Each agency may, subject to the prior approval of the Office of Government Ethics, issue regulations not inconsistent with this part.