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(2) Deny the request if the contracting officer decides the waiver is not required in the interests of national security; or

(3) Forward the request to the head of the agency or designee for approval if the contracting officer decides the waiver may be in the interest of national security.

(b) The head of the agency or designee shall report all waivers granted, and the reasons for granting the waiver, to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), who will forward the report to Congress as required by 10 U.S.C. 2408(a)(3).

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203.570-4 Reporting.

When a defense contractor or first-tier subcontractor is found in violation of the prohibition in 203.570-2, report the matter in accordance with 209.406-3 or 209.407-3, and DoDD 7050.5, Coordination of Remedies for Fraud and Corruption Related to Procurement Activities.

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203.570-5 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.203-7001, Prohibition on Persons Convicted of Fraud or Other Defense-Contract-Related Felonies, in all solicitations and contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, except solicitations and contracts for commercial items.

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Subpart 203.7—Voiding and Rescinding Contracts

203.703 Authority.

The authority to act for the agency head under this subpart is limited to a level no lower than an official who is appointed by and with the advice of the Senate, without power of redelegation. For the defense agencies, for purposes of this subpart, the agency head designee is the Under Secretary of Defense

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(Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

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Subpart 203.70—Contractor Standards of Conduct

203.7000 Policy.

Government contractors must conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity and honesty. Contractors should have standards of conduct and internal control systems that—

(1) Are suitable to the size of the company and the extent of their involvement in Government contracting,

(2) Promote such standards,

(3) Facilitate timely discovery and disclosure of improper conduct in connection with Government contracts, and

(4) Ensure corrective measures are promptly instituted and carried out.

203.7001 Procedures.

(a) A contractor's system of management controls should provide for—

(1) A written code of business ethics and conduct and an ethics training program for all employees;

(2) Periodic reviews of company business practices, procedures, policies, and internal controls for compliance with standards of conduct and the special requirements of Government contracting;

(3) A mechanism, such as a hotline, by which employees may report suspected instances of improper conduct, and instructions that encourage employees to make such reports;

(4) Internal and/or external audits, as appropriate;

(5) Disciplinary action for improper conduct;

(6) Timely reporting to appropriate Government officials of any suspected or possible violation of law in connection with Government contracts or any other irregularities in connection with such contracts; and

(7) Full cooperation with any Government agencies responsible for either investigation or corrective actions.