Transition: Briefing Departing and Incoming Federal Appointees

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Ethics

- Financial Interests Conflicts of Interest
- Gifts between employees and gifts from private parties
- One-year cooling off period employer, trustee, director
- Impartiality
- Use of Official Title
- Financial Disclosure

Hatch Act

- No Fundraising
- Not on work time, or in government building or automobile – except PAS
- Annual leave for political activities of Non-PAS

Freedom of Information Act and Records Retention

- Requirements to Disclose unless exempt from disclosure
- Emails
- Government Cell Phones
- Official Documents

Federal Advisory Committee Act

Meetings with Non-Federal Employees
Seeking Opinions

Procurement

- Meeting with potential vendors not advisable
- Procurements must be conducted with complete impartiality
- Procurements must be conducted through proper channels

Personnel Rules

- Competitive Procedures
- Prohibited Personnel Practices

Budget Submission

- Confidential until President delivers to Congress
- Comments should not conflict with Administration's position

The Regulatory Process

- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- Meetings with the Public

Outgoing Employees

Ethics

Post Employment Restrictions

Federal Records – Email and Other Records

- Cannot be removed
- Treasury procedures to obtain copiesFOIA

Confidential Information

 Cannot share confidential information once in the private sector

Requests for Testimony

Application of Touhy Regulations

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