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TO: Procurement Directors

FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Ethics and Working with Contractors

SUMMARY: This Flash transmits information contained in a memorandum from the Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement (OFPP), regarding integrity in government contracting.

Background:

Numerous stories have been published in various newspapers regarding misconduct by Government employees, resulting in breach of the integrity of the contracting process and loss of trust in Government employees. The memorandum from the Administrator, OFPP, asks Chief Acquisition Officers and Senior Procurement Executives to emphasize the importance of ethical conduct; to distribute the Office of Government Ethics guidance, "Ethics and Working with Contractors – Questions and Answers," DO-06-023, dated August 9, 2006, and to cooperate with the National Procurement Fraud Task Force.

What is the purpose of this Policy Flash?

This Flash transmits the OFPP Administrator's memo regarding ethical conduct, which can be found at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/memo/ethics_contractors_102706.pdf.

What must procurement personnel do?

- Comply with laws, regulations, and standards that prescribe ethical conduct in acquisitions and working with contractors and contractor employees;

- Read Office of Government Ethics guidance, "Ethics and Working with Contractors – Questions and Answers," DO-06-023, dated August 9, 2006, which can be found at http://www.usoge.gov/pages/daeograms/dgr_files/206/do06023a.html; and
- Cooperate fully with the National Procurement Fraud Task Force, established by the Justice Department to promote early detection, prevention, and prosecution of procurement fraud.
- Re-read DOE Acquisition Guide Chapter 3.1, Procurement Integrity and Procurement Integrity Brochure found at <http://professionals.pr.doe.gov/ma5/MA-5Web.nsf/Procurement/Acquisition+Guide?OpenDocument>.

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