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to be freely available on request to a Government agency.

(d) [Reserved]

(e) *Application of the limitations.* This section does not preclude an employee from:

(1) [Reserved]

(2) Participation in the activities of National or State political parties not proscribed by law.

(3) Participation in the affairs of, or acceptance of an award for a meritorious public contribution or achievement given by a charitable, religious, professional, social, fraternal, non-profit educational and recreational, public service, or civic organization.

[32 FR 15222, Nov. 2, 1967, as amended at 33 FR 9765, July 6, 1968; 55 FR 53489, Dec. 31, 1990]

§0.735-13 Financial interests.

(a) An employee shall not: (1) Have a direct or indirect financial interest that conflicts substantially, or appears to conflict substantially, with his Government duties and responsibilities; or

(2) Engage in, directly or indirectly, a financial transaction as a result of, or primarily relying on, information obtained through his Government employment.

(b) No employee shall participate in any manner, on behalf of the United States, in the negotiation of contracts, the making of loans, and grants, the granting of subsidies, the fixing of rates, or the issuance of valuable permits or certificates, or in any investigation or prosecution, or in the transaction of any other official business, which affects chiefly a person with whom he has any economic interest or any pending negotiations concerning a prospective economic interest, except with express prior authorization as provided for in subpart G of this part.

(c) This section does not preclude an employee from having a financial interest or engaging in financial transactions to the same extent as a private citizen not employed by the Government so long as it is not prohibited by law, Executive order, Civil Service regulations (5 CFR Part 735), or regulations in this part.

(d) The financial (or economic) interests described below are too remote or

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too inconsequential to affect the integrity of an employee's services in any matter involving them, and are thereby exempted from the prohibitions of 18 U.S.C. 208(a), and do not exclude such employee's participation in the transaction of any official business involving such financial or economic interests:

Deposits in a bank, savings and loan association, building association, credit union or similar financial institution; policies held with an insurance company; constructive interests in companies and other entities owned or held by a mutual fund or other diversified investment company in which the employee has an interest.

These exempted financial (or economic) interests need not be reported by employees in their statements of employment and financial interests referred to in §0.735-21.

(18 U.S.C. 208(b); 5 CFR 735.404a)

[32 FR 15222, Nov. 2, 1967, as amended at 41 FR 34939, Aug. 18, 1976; 47 FR 3350, Jan. 25, 1982]

§0.735-14 Use of Government time or property.

(a) An employee shall not directly or indirectly use, or allow the use of, Government time or property of any kind, including property leased to the Government, for other than officially approved activities.

(b) Each employee shall protect and conserve Government property, including equipment, supplies, and other property entrusted or issued to him.

§0.735-15 Misuse of employment or information.

(a) *Use of Government employment.* An employee shall not use his Government employment for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being, motivated by the desire for private gain for himself or another person, particularly one with whom he has family, business, or financial ties.

(b) *Use of inside information.* For the purpose of furthering a private interest, an employee shall not, except as provided in §0.735-12(c), directly or indirectly use, or allow the use of, information which has been or has the appearance of having been obtained