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# Ethical Issues and Challenges In Federal Outsourcing.

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#### Federal Outsourcing Issues – Implications Across Ethics Spectrum

- Conflicts of Interest
- Standards of Conduct
- Revolving Door
- Procurement Integrity



## Conflicts of Interest

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  - Personal
    - Financial
    - Other Interests
    - E.g., Three Phases of Druyun
  - Organizational



### It Matters Who You Are:

# Different Rules for Government and Contractor Personnel



#### Standards of Conduct

- Gifts and Gratuities
- Preferential Treatment/Endorsement
- Use of Government Resources
- Personal Relationships



# Revolving Door

- Prohibitions on Seeking Employment
  - DAEO Consultation and Letters
  - Recusals and Waivers
  - Risk of Non-Action
- Taking Employment
  - 1 yr, 2 yr and permanent ban
- Requests for Waiver very rare
- Update of Rules in Light of Boeing Recruitment Scandal.



# **Procurement Integrity**

- What is a Procurement?
- Who is a Procurement Official?
- What is Procurement Sensitive Information?
- What are the Consequences of Violation of these Rules?



### **Conclusion:**

- Complex and Evolving Rules.
  - Think Before You Act.
    - When In Doubt, Ask.