

**PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING:
PROCUREMENT STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT**

Conflict of Interest

All employees of the RSU shall perform their duties in a manner free from conflict of interest to assure the proper performance of school business as well as to earn and keep public confidence. No employee of the RSU with a real or an apparent conflict of interest in a proposed transaction shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract pursuant to the transaction.

Conflict of interest is defined as when an interested party has a financial interest in the firm selected for the award. Interested party is defined as 1) the employee; 2) a member of the employee's immediate family; 3) his/her partner; or 4) an organization that employs, or is about to employ a person described above.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

All employees with real or apparent conflicts of interest as defined above must disclose the conflict of interest to the Superintendent of Schools who will investigate the circumstances of the transaction. The Superintendent of Schools will exercise due diligence in investigating the circumstances of the transaction and if necessary, will make reasonable efforts to find alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement that would not give rise to a conflict of interest. If the Superintendent of Schools determines that the proposed transaction is in the best interest of the RSU and is fair and reasonable, it may proceed with the transaction. In the event that the Superintendent of Schools may have a conflict of interest, and adjunct committee of the School Board will investigate and make a determination regarding the transaction.

Violations

Employees of the RSU who violate this code of conduct may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment, and if appropriate, referral to law enforcement.

Legal Reference: EDGAR Part 74 Title 34 – Administration of Grants and Agreements
 EDGAR Part 80 Subpart C, Section 80.20, 80.36
 DOE Administrative Letter 6 – 9/18/2006 – NCLB Fiscal Compliance

Cross Reference: BCB – School Board Member Conflict of Interest
 Bidding/Purchasing Requirements
 Vendor Relations
 Staff Gifts and Solicitations
 Public Gifts to the Schools

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