

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE ACTIVITY

Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulation HHS Supplemental Ethics Regulation (5 CFR 2635.803, 5 CFR 5501.106(d))

☐ Initial Request ☐ Rev	rised Request	Renew	/al	DA	TE FILED	
I.	EMPLOYEE IN	FORMATION	I	<u>'</u>		
1. EMPLOYEE'S NAME (Last, First, MI)						
2. AGENCY (Operating/Staff Divison)		(Subcompo	onent)			
3. TITLE OF POSITION		4. GRADE	E/STEP		5. FEDERAL SALA	RY
6. APPOINTMENT TYPE				7. FINANO	CIAL DISCLOSURE F	FILING STATUS
☐ PAS/PA ☐ Non-Career SES ☐ Career☐ GS ☐ Title 42 ☐ Other _	SES Schedule C	Commiss			ic (SF 278) fidential (OGE 450)	None
8. OFFICE ADDRESS						
STREET			STATE		ZIP	
			STATE		ZIP	
9. OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION						
TELEPHONE		FAX				
CELL		EMAIL				
10. NAME OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR		11. TITLE	OF SUPERVIS	SOR		
12. SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION						
TELEPHONE		FAX				
CELL		EMAIL				

AGENCY USE ONLY

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1.	Nature of Outside Activity Indicate the type of activity for which you requ	est prior approval, and desc	cribe fully the speci	ic duties or services t	o be performed.	
	Professional or Consultative Activities Other Describe:	Teaching, Speaking,	Writing or Editing	☐ Board Service	Expert Witness	
	If you will provide personal services or proindependent contractor, alone or jointly will engaged, such as legal, medical, accounting services or products jointly. Estimate the the during the activity period, rather than listing	ith others, check the box b ig, or sales (specify industry otal number of clients, pati	elow and specify for economic sector	he type of activity or or) and identify any pa	business in which you partners or others with who	oropose to be m you provide
	Self-Employed Activity					
	For activities involving teaching, speaking, subject matter involved in the course, spee disclaimer that indicates that the views exploxes indicating that these materials are a please explain below.	ch, or written product (inclu- pressed do not necessarily	ding, if available, a represent the view	copy of the text of an	y speech) and the propos ne United States. Check	sed text of any the applicable
	Subject Matter of Activity Explain:	Text of Disclaimer				
2.	Outside Employer or Other Entity Identify the outside employer or other person tand title of a contact person. In Items 3 and 4,				ormed or conducted. Give	the name
	OUTSIDE ENTITY NAME					
	CONTACT PERSON		TITLE			
3.	Outside Entity Address					
	STREET					
	CITY		STAT	E	ZIP	

II		OUTSIDE ACTIVITY INFO	RMATION (continued)		
4.	Contact information				
	TELEPHONE		FAX		
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5.	Location				
ο.	Indicate the location where the activity o	or services will be performed.			
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6.	Travel Indicate whether travel is involved, and	d if so, whether the transportation,	lodging, meals, or per	diem will be at your own ex	spense or provided by the
	outside entity in kind or through reimbu				
	outside entity.				
	Yes				
	☐ At own Expense ☐ ☐	In-Kind or Reimbursed Est	timated Amount \$		
	☐ No				
	Describe:				
7.	Time Provide details with respect to the durati	ion frequency and timing of the ac	tivity. If your request for	r prior approval is granted th	e approval is effective for
	a period not to exceed one year from the	e date of approval. If you wish to co	ontinue an activity beyor		
	request no later than thirty days prior to	the expiration of the period authoriz			
	a. Period Covered	. ((14)		ne Devoted to the Propose	1
	From (mm/dd/yy):	o (mm/dd/yy):	Hours per Day	Days per Week	Weeks per Year
	c. Will work be performed entirely out	tside of usual working hours?			
	-	te the number of hours or days that	you will be absent from	work and indicate the type of	of leave to be requested.)
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8.	Compensation Indicate whether the activity is compensation	eated, and if so, answer the guestion	ns helow		
	Yes No	ateu, and it so, answer the question	is below.		
	a. Method or Basis of Compensation	(Check all boxes that apply)			
	Fee Honorarium	☐ Retainer ☐ Salary	Advance	Royalty Stoo	k Stock Options
					Clock Options
	Non-Travel Related Expenses (de	escribe)	Other (specify)		

II.		OUTSIDE ACTIVITY INFORMATION (continued)
	Indic	ipensation Amount ate the total amount of compensation to be received for the proposed activity for the period covered by this request. Do not include the amount by travel expenses to be provided by the outside entity that were reported in Part II, Item 6.
	c. Payo	
	Indic to be	ding Source late whether any compensation is derived from an HHS grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other source of HHS funding or if the services experformed are related to an activity funded by HHS, regardless of the specific source of the compensation. Yes (If "yes," describe) No
	For a	ntee, Contractor, or Other Status activities involving the provision of consultative or professional services, indicate whether the client, employer, or other person on whose behalf the ces are performed is receiving, or intends to seek, an HHS grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other funding relationship.
		Yes (If "yes," describe)

f. Record of Prior Compensation from Same Source

Identify the source, activity, amount and date of any compensation received, or due for services performed, within the last six calendar years and the current year through the date this request is submitted, from the person for whom or the organization with which the current work or activity will be done (including any amount received or due from an agent, affiliate, parent, subsidiary, or predecessor of the proposed payor). This information must be provided as to any outside activity performed for the person or organization that is the subject of this request for approval. Include any prior activity that is the same or similar to the present request, as well as any unrelated activity involving the same source.

YEAR	SOURCE	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT \$	DATE
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ADDITIONAL SPACE

1.	Nature of Official Duties Describe the principal duties and responsibilities of your current position. You may attach a copy of your position describes description unless you currently have significant duties or assignments that are not reflected in that document.	ption in lieu of providing the
	Position Description Attached	
2.	Relationship of Official Duties to Outside Activity	
	Describe any official duties that relate in any way to the proposed activity. If none, explain why.	
3.	Effect of Official Duties on Outside Employer In performing your official duties, explain how your actions or the matters upon which you may be called upon to work co person for whom or the organization for which the proposed activity will be performed. If the exercise of your official du effect, explain why.	
4.	Assignments Involving Outside Employer Describe any official duty assignments or other interactions you have had that involve the person for whom or the organization activity will be performed and indicate when such assignments or interactions occurred. If none, explain.	on for which the proposed
5.	CERTIFICATION	
Th	e undersigned employee certifies that the notices in Part VIII have been read and understood and that the statements made s form are true, complete, and correct to the best of the individual's knowledge.	and information provided on
E۱	IPLOYEE SIGNATURE	DATE

OFFICIAL DUTY INFORMATION

III.

1. Summary of Applicable Law

An employee cannot undertake an outside activity that conflicts with the employee's official duties. An activity conflicts with official duties: (a) if it is prohibited by statute or regulation; or (b) if, under the standards in 5 CFR 2635.402 and 2635.502, it would require the employee's recusal from matters

	so central or critical to the performance of his or her official duties that the employee's ability to perform the duties of materially impaired. Such a recusal would likely arise where the outside activity involves a person or entity that is regular receives grants or other benefits from, or is otherwise substantially impacted by the programs, policies, and operations of the employee normally would be involved personally and substantially in such matters on a frequent basis or as a principal may be improper if the circumstances suggest that the employee received an outside business opportunity based on his or create the appearance of using public office for the private gain of an outside entity. An employee also must endeavor to the appearance of a violation of law or the ethical standards. Special rules apply to activities involving fundraising, expert speaking, writing, or editing, and activities with foreign entities. Certain categories of employees, such as those in FDA, N component specific rules on outside activities. Refer to the Standards of Ethical Conduct, 5 CFR part 2635, subpart H, Ethics Regulation, 5 CFR part 5501.	ated by, does business with, the employee's agency, and Il duty. In addition, an activity her official position or would avoid any actions that create witness testimony, teaching, IIH, and OGC, are subject to
2.	Supervisor's Statement	
	Describe the extent to which the employee's official duties are related to the proposed outside activity.	
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3.	Recommendation The undersigned supervisor, identified in Part I, Item 10, has reviewed the employee's responses, obtained additional inform and recommends the following action:	nation where appropriate,
	Recommend Approval	
	If this box is checked, the supervisor understands that if the outside activity is approved, the employee may be disquaduties that involve or affect any outside entity with which the employee has an outside employment, consulting, activity constitutes employment or service as an officer, director, or trustee, or in another fiduciary role, the recusal of to government matters that specifically involve or affect the outside entity, but to those matters that affect general sector in which the outside entity operates. The supervisor concludes that any work assignments involving specific of the employee will be recused can be reassigned to another individual and are not so central or critical to the performat duties that the employee's ability to perform the duties of his her position would be materially impaired.	or similar relationship. If the oligation may extend not only ally the industry or economic r general matters from which
	Recommend Disapproval	
	If this box is checked, explain the reason(s) in the additional space provided on the last page of this form.	
SI	JPERVISOR SIGNATURE	DATE

V. MANAGEMENT / COMMITTEE / OTHER INTERMEDIATE REVIEW			
1. Name of Reviewer	2. Title of Reviewer		
3. Reviewer Contact Information			
TELEPHONE	FAX		
CELL	EMAIL		
4. Organization			
5. Committee If the reviewer acts on behalf of a committee, identify the bod	y and record any dissenting views in the	"Comments" below.	
6. Review Review the employee's answers and indicate whether you could and date the form in the space provided. Concur	oncur in the supervisor's recommendatio	n. Explain your reason(s) in the space below. Sign	
Nonconcur REVIEWER SIGNATURE		DATE	
7. Comments			

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1.	Name of Agency Ethics Official	2. Title of Agency Ethics Offic	ial
3.	Agency Ethics Official Contact Information		
	TELEPHONE	FAX	
	CELL	EMAIL	
4.	Organization		
5.	Ethics Review Review the employee's answers and the supervisor's intermediate reviewer. Based on the information provide activity can be approved or permission must be denied. compliance with applicable ethics laws. Sign and date the	ed and applying the standard for approval prescribed Explain your reason(s) in the space below and des	in 5 CFR 5501.106(d)(4), indicate whether the
Request as described may be approved			
	Request may be approved subject to conditions n	oted in Comments Section	
	Request as described must be denied		
	Other disposition noted in Comments Section		
_	GENCY ETHICS OFFICIAL SIGNATURE		

6. Comments

VII. AGENCY D	ESIGNEE (APPROVING OFFICIAL) DE	ETERMINATION
Name of Agency Designee	2. Title of Agency Des	ignee
. Agency Designee Contact Information		
TELEPHONE	FAX	
CELL	EMAIL	
I. Organization		
Based on the foregoing statements and any supporting doctoric official, committee, or other intermediate reviewer, and the redetermination, pursuant to 5 CFR 2635.803 and 5 CFR 550. Approved Approved Denied	eview by the agency ethics official, the d	isposition indicated below constitutes my written
AGENCY DESIGNEE (APPROVING OFFICIAL) SIGNATURE		DATE
6. Specified Conditions (if any)		
7. Comments		

VIII. NOTICES

APPROVAL OF AN OUTSIDE ACTIVITY DOES NOT RELEASE YOU FROM A CONTINUING LEGAL OBLIGATION TO DISQUALIFY YOURSELF FROM OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENTS AFFECTING YOUR OUTSIDE EMPLOYER OR THE ENTITY TO WHICH YOU ARE PROVIDING PERSONAL SERVICES. WHILE PERFORMING AN APPROVED OUTSIDE ACTIVITY, ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONFLICT WITH APPLICABLE ETHICS LAWS MAY SUBJECT YOU TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Caution. When you consult, teach, speak, write, serve on a board, or work for a company, organization, or other entity outside your government job, your relationship with that outside entity has certain legal and ethical consequences. The approval of an outside activity does not mean that you are free of conflicts of interest. You must still follow all substantive ethics requirements after approval is granted. Consult the ethics regulations at 5 CFR 2635.802 and 5501.106(d)(4) which are reprinted below.

Conflicts Resolution. An approved HHS Form 520 does not signify that you need not be concerned about conflicts of interest. Under the law, conflicts of interest arising out of outside employment or service in a fiduciary position can be resolved in advance in only three ways: (1) you can inform your supervisor and disqualify yourself from participating in a conflicting government matter (often called a recusal); (2) you can seek, if certain legal requirements are satisfied, a separate legal document from your appointing official or designee that specifically permits you to work on the government matter (known as a waiver), or (3) you can resign from either your government or outside job. Outside relationships that fall short of actual employment or a fiduciary role pose similar appearance concerns that must be addressed under procedures in 5 CFR 2635.502.

Effect of Prior Approval. The outside activities prior approval process has very limited purposes. When a reviewer approves an HHS Form 520 for your outside activity, two fundamental assessments are being made, which are discussed below. You reasonably may rely on these specific determinations only if you provided all relevant information on the form and the circumstances under review do not thereafter change. You remain responsible for the legal and ethical consequences of any change in personal or business affairs or a change in your government duties.

First, based on the information which you provide, the reviewer determines whether your proposed activity is plainly prohibited by applicable statutes or regulations, including the provisions of the ethical standards governing appearances of impropriety. For example, if you want to lobby Federal agencies on behalf of a non-profit organization that employs you, prior approval will be denied because a criminal statute prohibits such representational activities.

Second, assuming your proposed activity is not specifically prohibited, the reviewer determines whether, under the circumstances, approval should be denied for other reasons specified under the law. For example, the reviewer may deny approval if the facts show that you used your government position to obtain an outside compensated business opportunity or if the activity would create the appearance that you are violating the law or the ethical standards. Another common reason for denying approval is that the outside activity may prevent you from handling work that is expected of you. Because the outside activity may cause you to have to disqualify yourself from a broad range of job assignments, or even a few crucial projects, that will affect your outside employer or the entity to which you provide personal services, it may be impossible for you to discharge fully your government duties.

If, however, your outside activity is approved, the reviewer has determined that the matters in which you will not be allowed to participate are not "so central or critical to the performance of [your] official duties" that your ability to perform the duties of your position would be materially impaired. In other words, you cannot work on a government matter affecting your outside employer, but the reviewer expects that you will be able to stay away from these assignments and still do your job.

Recusal Obligations. When performing your Federal duties, you must not participate in any government matter that will affect your own self-interest in continuing your outside job or activity. For example, you would have to disqualify yourself from participating in any official matter that might put your outside employer out of business or seriously affect its finances, either positively or negatively, so that the odds of your remaining employed are also affected. In addition, when you work for an outside employer or serve in a fiduciary role with an organization, the financial interests of that company or organization are considered to be your own. As a result, if the company or organization has a financial interest in how a government matter will be resolved, you cannot work on that matter. This means that you cannot work on a government matter that involves or affects your outside employer as a specific party, such as a contract, grant, audit, investigation, or litigation. The law also requires you to stay away from government matters that are larger in scope, such as deliberations and decisions on developing, implementing, or enforcing statutes, regulations, policies, studies, or proposals, that will have an effect on a large class of employers like the one for which you work on the outside. For example, if you were permitted to have an outside position as an employee of a hospital, a drug company, or a nonprofit organization, you could not participate personally in any significant way in a policy decision that affects the financial interests of the industry or organizational sector in which these employers operate. Under certain limited circumstances, a waiver for such "particular matters of general applicability" can be considered, if you notify your appointing official in advance and receive a written determination. Outside relation- ships that fall short of actual employment or a fiduciary role pose similar appearance concerns, but the recusal obligation is limited to specific party matters.

Scope of Recusal. Although many employees understand the need to disqualify themselves from participating in an official matter that affects their outside employer, they often believe erroneously that they can pick and choose among the various aspects of a particular matter and stay away only from the important decisions. Such incomplete recusals will not protect you from a criminal conflict of interest violation. Unless a waiver, approved in advance, identifies specific permitted activities, you must refrain entirely and absolutely from participating personally and substantially in a government matter that affects your own financial interest or that of an outside employer. When you are involved significantly in proposing, planning, advising, deciding, or implementing some official action, and you do so individually or by actively directing subordinates, your participation is personal and substantial.

EXCERPTS FROM THE STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL AGENCY ETHICS REGULATIONS:

TITLE 5 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

§ 2635.802 Conflicting outside employment and activities.

An employee shall not engage in outside employment or any other outside activity that conflicts with his official duties. An activity conflicts with an employee's official duties:

- (a) If it is prohibited by statute or by an agency supplemental regulation; or
- (b) If, under the standards set forth in §§ 2635.402 and 2635.502, it would require the employee's disqualification from matters so central or critical to the performance of his official duties that the employee's ability to perform the duties of his position would be materially impaired.

Employees are cautioned that even though an outside activity may not be prohibited under this section, it may violate other principles or standards set forth in this part or require the employee to disqualify himself from participation in certain particular matters under either subpart D or subpart E of this part.

Example 1: An employee of the Environmental Protection Agency has just been promoted. His principal duty in his new position is to write regulations relating to the disposal of hazardous waste. The employee may not continue to serve as president of a nonprofit environmental organization that routinely submits comments on such regulations. His service as an officer would require his disqualification from duties critical to the performance of his official duties on a basis so frequent as to materially impair his ability to perform the duties of his position.

Example 2: An employee of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration who was and is expected again to be instrumental in formulating new OSHA safety standards applicable to manufacturers that use chemical solvents has been offered a consulting contract to provide advice to an affected company in restructuring its manufacturing operations to comply with the OSHA standards. The employee should not enter into the consulting arrangement even though he is not currently working on OSHA standards affecting this industry and his consulting contract can be expected to be completed before he again works on such standards. Even though the consulting arrangement would not be a conflicting activity within the meaning of § 2635.802, it would create an appearance that the employee had used his official position to obtain the compensated outside business opportunity and it would create the further appearance of using his public office for the private gain of the manufacturer.

§ 5501.106(d)(5) Standard for approval.

Approval shall be granted only upon a determination that the outside employment or other outside activity is not expected to involve conduct prohibited by statute or Federal regulation, including 5 CFR part 2635 and this part.

Note: The granting of approval for an outside activity does not relieve the employee of the obligation to abide by all applicable laws governing employee conduct nor does approval constitute a sanction of any violation. Approval involves an assessment that the general activity as described on the submission does not appear likely to violate any criminal statutes or other ethics rules. Employees are reminded that during the course of an otherwise approvable activity, situations may arise, or actions may be contemplated, that, nevertheless, pose ethical concerns.

Example 1: A clerical employee with a degree in library science volunteers to work on the acquisitions committee at a local public library. Serving on a panel that renders advice to a non-Federal entity is subject to prior approval. Because recommending books for the library collection normally would not pose a conflict with the typing duties assigned the employee, the request would be approved.

Example 2: While serving on the library acquisitions committee, the clerical employee in the preceding example is asked to help the library business office locate a missing book order. Shipment of the order is delayed because the publisher has declared bankruptcy and its assets, including inventory in the warehouse, have been frozen to satisfy the claims of the Internal Revenue Service and other creditors. The employee may not contact the Federal bankruptcy trustee to seek, on behalf of the public library, the release of the books. Even though the employee's service on the acquisitions committee had been approved, a criminal statute, 18 U.S.C. 205, would preclude any representation by a Federal employee of an outside entity before a Federal court or agency with respect to a matter in which the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. App. § 101, et seq., Executive Order 12674, as amended by Executive Order 12731, Sections 301 and 7301 of Title 5 of the U.S. Code, and Sections 2635.803 and 5501.106(d) of Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations authorize the collection of this information. Disclosure of this information is mandatory for employees seeking prior authorization from an agency designee to pursue outside employment or activities pursuant to Sections 2635.803 and 5501.106(d) of Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Failure to provide all or part of the requested information may result in denial of the request for approval of the outside employment or activity. Falsification of information or failure to file or report information required to be reported may subject the employee to disciplinary action. Knowing and willful falsification of information required to be reported may subject the employee to criminal prosecution. The primary use of this information is to allow HHS supervisors, management officials, and agency ethics officials to make necessary determinations concerning employee requests for prior approval of outside employment or activities in order to prevent a conflict of interest or other violations of the statutes, regulations, and executive orders governing employee conduct. The information is also requested, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §§ 2638.203(b)(9),(10), and (11), for the purpose of evaluating ethics program administration, as well as the Department's supplemental ethics regulations, to determine their continued adequacy and effectiveness in relation to current agency responsibilities and to ensure that prompt and effective action is taken to remedy violations or potential violations, or appearances thereof, of conflict of interest and related ethics provisions. Additionally, this information may be disclosed to: (1) the Office of Personnel Management, Office of Government Ethics, Merit Systems Protection Board, Office of the Special Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Federal Labor Relations Authority, Federal Service Impasses Panel, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and an arbitrator, in carrying out their functions; (2) a Federal, State, or local agency charged with investigating or prosecuting violations of, or implementing, the law, in the event there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil, criminal or regulatory law; (3) a Federal, State, or local agency maintaining enforcement records or other pertinent records, such as current licenses, if necessary to obtain a record relevant to an agency decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit; (4) the National Archives and Records Administration or the General Services Administration in records management inspections; (5) the Office of Management and Budget during legislative coordination on privacy relief legislation; (6) Federal agencies with power to subpoena other Federal agencies' records; (7) a court or party in a court or Federal administrative proceeding if the Government is a party or in order to comply with a judge-issued subpoena; (8) private firms with which the Department may contract for the purpose of collating, analyzing, aggregating or otherwise refining records; (9) a Member of Congress or a Congressional office, pursuant to an inquiry made at the request of the individual who is a subject of the record; (10) the Department of Justice in defense of litigation; and (11) contractors and other non-Government employees working for the Federal Government to accomplish a function related to an Office of Government Ethics Government-wide system of records. This confidential report will not be disclosed to any requesting person unless authorized by law. See the OGE/GOVT-2 Government-wide executive branch system of records.

STAPLE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS PAGE

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