

**WAC 468-600-030 Conflict of interest.** (1) When submitting a proposal, the proposer's representative must certify that he or she is unaware of any information that might be pertinent in determining whether an organizational conflict of interest exists. If the proposer is aware of information that might be pertinent to this issue, the proposer must provide, as an exception to the certification, a disclosure statement fully describing this information in a form approved by the commission as part of its proposal. For purposes of this section, "organizational conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a proposer, a principal officer of a proposer, or a prime contractor who is proposed to perform construction or design work on an eligible project, is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the state; or the person's objectivity in performing the proposed contract work is or might be otherwise impaired; or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.

(2) After review and approval by the commission, the department shall publish and make available conflict of interest guidelines and policies that encompass the standards of conduct required by federal and state law, and as further required in these administrative rules. The conflict of interest guidelines and policies may be modified as necessary to meet the particular objectives of individual projects, whether those projects emanate from solicited or unsolicited proposals.

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