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(b) The Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management, is authorized to make the statement regarding suspension by another agency suspending official under the conditions in FAR 9.407-1(d).

2909.407-3 Procedures.

(a) *Investigation and referral.* Whenever a cause for suspension, as listed in FAR 9.406-2, becomes known to a DOL employee, the head of the contracting activity affected shall be notified. The head of the contracting activity shall consult with the Office of the Solicitor and the Office of the Inspector General, as appropriate, and submit a formal recommendation, which documents the cause for suspension, to the Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management.

(b) *Notice of suspension.* Based upon review of the recommendation to suspend and consultation with the Office of the Solicitor and the Office of the Inspector General, as required, the Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management, shall initiate suspension by taking the actions listed in FAR 9.407-3(c) and advising the contractor of DOL's rules under 2909.4.

(c) *Factfinding proceedings.* For actions listed under FAR 9.407-3(b)(2), the Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management, shall afford the contractor the opportunity to appear at an informal hearing as required by FAR 9.407-3(b)(2)(i). The hearing shall be conducted under the conditions in 2909.407-3(c).

(d) *Suspension decisions.* The Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management, shall make a final decision on suspension as prescribed in FAR 9.407-3(d). Notice of the decision shall be provided to the contractor and any affiliates involved in accordance with the provisions in FAR 9.407-3(d)(4).

Subpart 2909.5—Organizational Conflicts of Interest

2909.503 Waiver.

(a) The Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management, is authorized to waive any general rule or procedure in FAR 9.5 when its application in a particular situation would not

be in the Government's interest. Pursuant to FAR 9.503, this authority may not be redelegated.

(b) Requests for waivers shall be made by the head of the contracting activity to the Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management. Each request shall include:

(1) An analysis of the facts involving the potential or actual conflict including benefits and detriments to the Government and prospective contractors;

(2) A discussion of the factors which preclude avoiding, neutralizing, or mitigating the conflict; and

(3) Identification of the provision(s) in FAR subpart 9.5 to be waived.

(c) In making determinations under 2909.503(a), the Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management, shall request the opinion of the Office of the Solicitor.

2909.507 Procedures.

(a) If a prospective contractor disagrees with the decision of a contracting officer regarding an organizational conflict of interest provision and requests higher level review in accordance with FAR 9.507(c)(4) the matter shall be referred to the Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management for review and final decision.

(b) Referrals shall be made by the head of the contracting agency concerned and include the contracting officer's decision and the position of the prospective contractor.

(c) In making determinations under 2909.507(a), the Director, Directorate of Procurement and Grant Management, shall request the opinion of the Office of the Solicitor.

PART 2910—SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND OTHER PURCHASE DESCRIPTIONS

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2910.004 Selecting specifications or descriptions for use.

2910.004-70 Brand name products or equal.

2910.007 Deviations.

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