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accept food, lodging, and entertainment incident thereto.

(c) Members and employees shall not solicit contributions from another Member or employee for a gift, or make a donation as a gift, to a Member or employee in a superior official position.

(d) A Member or an employee in a superior official position shall not accept a gift from an employee or employees receiving less salary than himself. However, paragraph (c) of this section and this paragraph (d) do not prohibit a voluntary gift of nominal value or a donation in a nominal amount made on a special occasion, such as marriage, illness, retirement, or transfer.

(e) Members and employees shall not accept a gift, present, decoration, or other thing from a foreign government unless authorized by Congress as provided by the Constitution and in 5 U.S.C. 7342.

(f) Members and employees may not be directly reimbursed by a person for travel on official business under agency orders. However, reimbursement in the form of a donation may be made to the Board. The Member or employee involved will be paid by the Board in accordance with applicable laws and regulations relating to reimbursement for official travel. If the Member or employee is furnished accommodations, goods, or services in kind they may be treated as a donation to the Board, and either no per diem and other travel expenses will be paid or an appropriate reduction will be made in the per diem or other travel expenses payable, depending upon the extent of the donation. No Member or employee may be reimbursed, or payment made on his behalf, for excessive personal living expenses, gifts, entertainment, or other personal benefits.

(g) Members and employees are not precluded from receiving bona fide reimbursement, unless prohibited by law, for expenses of nonofficial travel and such other necessary subsistence as is compatible with this part for private personal interests for which no Government payment or reimbursement is authorized.

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**§ 805.735-6 Misuse of information by Members and employees.**

For the purpose of furthering private interest, Members and employees shall not, except as provided in § 805.735-7(c), directly or indirectly, use, or allow the use of, official information obtained through or in connection with his employment within the Board which has not been made available to the general public.

**§ 805.735-7 Outside activities of Members and employees.**

(a) A Member or employee shall not engage in outside employment or other outside activity not compatible with the full and proper discharge of his duties and responsibilities as an officer or employee of the Board. Before an employee can engage in outside employment or activity for profit, he shall obtain the approval of the Board's Managing Director by requesting written authorization from the Managing Director prior to engaging in such activity. Board Members desiring to engage in outside employment or activity for profit may request prior written authorization from the Chairman. Should such authorization be granted, the Member or employee has a continuing responsibility to confine himself to the scope of the authorization. If the circumstances change so as to involve a possible incompatible activity, the Member or employee must seek further authorization in order to continue in his outside employment or activity for profit. Authorization granted in specific cases may be deemed subsequently to involve an incompatible activity, and in such cases the Member or employee concerned shall be notified in writing of the cancellation of the authorization with instructions to modify or terminate the outside activity at the earliest practicable time.

(b) Incompatible activities by Members or employees include, but are not limited to:

(1) Acceptance of a fee, compensation, gift, payment of expense, or any other thing of monetary value in circumstances in which acceptance may result in, or create the appearance of, a conflict of interest; or

(2) Outside employment or activity which tends to impair his mental or

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physical capacity to perform in an acceptable manner his duties and responsibilities within the Board.

(c) Employees are encouraged to engage in teaching, lecturing, and writing that is not prohibited by law, the Executive order, 5 CFR part 735, or the regulations in this part. However, an employee shall not, either for or without compensation, engage in teaching, lecturing, or writing, including teaching, lecturing, or writing for the purpose of the special preparation of a person or class of persons for an examination of the Civil Service Commission or Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, that is dependent on information obtained as a result of his employment by the Board, except when that information has been made available to the general public or will be made available on request, or when the Chairman gives written authorization for the use of nonpublic information on the basis that the use is in the public interest.

(d) Board Members, as Presidential appointees covered by section 401(a) of the Executive order, are specifically precluded by 5 CFR 735.203(c) from receiving compensation or anything of monetary value for any consultation, lecture, discussion, writing, or appearance, the subject matter of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs, or operations of their agency, or which draws substantially on official data or ideas which have not become part of the body of public information.

(e) If an activity covered by paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section is to be undertaken as official duty, expenses will be borne by the Board, and the Member or employee may not accept compensation or allow his expenses to be paid for by the person or group under whose auspices the activity is being performed. If it is determined that the activity is to be undertaken in a private capacity, the Member or employee may not use duty hours or Government facilities, but he may accept compensation, and he may use his official title if he makes it clear that he does not represent the Board.

(f) Members and employees shall not receive any salary or anything of mon-

etary value from a private source as compensation for his services to the Board (18 U.S.C. 209).

(g) This section does not preclude a Member or employee from:

(1) Participating in the activities of national or State political parties not prohibited by law;

(2) Participating in the affairs of or acceptance of an award for a meritorious public contribution or achievement given by a charitable, religious, professional, social, fraternal, non-profit educational or recreational, public service, or civic organization.

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### **§ 805.735-8 Employment of family members in transportation and related enterprises.**

(a) No individual will be employed or retained in employment by the Board if a member of his immediate family (blood relations who are residents of the employee's household) is employed by a carrier, a person or firm representing a carrier, or a transportation trade association.

(b) Members and employees may request a waiver, modification, or postponement of the implementation of this prohibition from the Chairman and Managing Director, respectively, on the grounds of undue hardship to himself or the family member involved. The request must contain an agreement to forego any privilege to which the Board Member or employee would be entitled as a relative of the family member.

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### **§ 805.735-9 Use of Government property.**

Members and employees shall not, directly or indirectly, use, or allow the use of, Board property of any kind, including property leased to the Board, for other than officially approved activities. A Member or employee has a positive duty to protect and conserve Board property, including equipment, supplies, and other property entrusted to or issued to him.