

Subpart F—Miscellaneous Provisions

§ 950.601 Release of contributor information.

(a) The pledge form, designed pursuant to § 950.402, must allow a contributor to indicate if the contributor does wish his or her name, contribution amount, and home contact information forwarded to the charitable organization or organizations designated. A PCFO's failure to honor a contributor's wish may result in the PCFO being sanctioned or penalized as provided for in § 950.603(a).

(b) The pledge form shall permit a contributor to specify which information, if any, he or she wishes released to organizations receiving his or her donations.

(c) It is the responsibility of the PCFO to forward the contributor information for those who have indicated that they wish this information released to the recipient organization directly, if the organization is independent, and to the organization's federation if the organization is a member of a federation. The PCFO may not sell or make any other use of this information.

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§ 950.602 Solicitation methods.

(a) Employee solicitations shall be conducted during duty hours using methods that permit true voluntary giving and shall reserve to the individual the option of disclosing any gift or keeping it confidential. Campaign kick-offs, victory events, awards, and other non-solicitation events to build support for the CFC are encouraged.

(b) Special CFC fundraising events, such as raffles, lotteries, auctions, bake sales, carnivals, athletic events, or other activities not specifically provided for in these regulations are permitted during the campaign period if approved by the appropriate agency head or government official, consistent with agency ethics regulations. CFC special fundraising events should be undertaken in the spirit of generating interest in the CFC and be open to all individuals without regard to whether an individual participates in the CFC.

Chances to win must be disassociated from amount of contributions, if any. Raffle prizes should be modest in nature and value. Examples of appropriate raffle prizes may include opportunities for lunch with Agency Officials, agency parking spaces for a specific time period, and gifts of minimal financial value. Any special CFC fundraising event and prize or gift should be approved in advance by the Agency's ethics official.

(c) In all approved special fundraising events the donor must have the option of designating to a specific participating organization or federation or be advised that the donation will be counted as an undesignated contribution and distributed according to these regulations.

[60 FR 57890, Nov. 24, 1995, as amended at 71 FR 67289, Nov. 20, 2006]

§ 950.603 Sanctions and penalties.

(a)(1) The Director may impose sanctions or penalties on a federation, charitable organization or PCFO for violating these regulations, other applicable provisions of law, or any directive or instruction from the Director. The Director will determine the appropriate sanction and/or penalty, up to and including expulsion from the CFC. In determining the appropriate sanction and/or penalty, the Director will consider previous violations, harm to Federal employee confidence in the CFC, and any other relevant factors. The Director may bar a federation or charitable organization from serving as PCFO, for a period not to exceed one campaign period, if it is determined that that the federation or charitable organization has violated any provisions of these regulations. A federation, charitable organization or PCFO will be notified in writing of the Director's intent to sanction and/or penalize and will have 10 business days from the date of receipt of the notice to submit a written response. The Director's final decision will be communicated in writing to the federation, charitable organization, or PCFO, with a copy to the appropriate LFCC.

(2) The Director may withdraw federation status with respect to a national, international or local federation that makes a false certification or

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fails to comply with any directive of the Director, or to respond in a timely fashion to a request by the Director or LFCC for information or cooperation, including with respect to an investigation or in the settlement of disbursements. The LFCC may recommend the withdrawal of federation status with respect to a local federation. As stated in §§ 950.301(d) and 950.303(d), failure to meet minimum federation eligibility requirements shall not be deemed to be a withdrawal of federation status subject to a hearing on the record. Eligibility decisions shall follow the procedures in §§ 950.301(f) and 950.303(f). A federation will be notified in writing of the Director's intent to withdraw federation status for a period of up to one campaign period and will have 10 business days from the date of receipt of the notice to submit a written response. On receipt of the response, or in the absence of a timely response, the Director or representative shall set a date, time, and place for a hearing. The federation shall be notified at least 10 business days in advance of the hearing. A hearing shall be conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Director unless it is waived in writing by the federation. After the hearing is held, or after the Director's receipt of the federation's written waiver of the hearing, the Director shall make a final decision on the record, taking into consideration the recommendation submitted by the hearing officer. The Director's final decision will be communicated in writing to the federation, with a copy to the appropriate LFCC.

(3) A federation, charitable organization or PCFO sanctioned or penalized under any provision of these regulations must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director that it has taken corrective action to resolve the reason for sanction and/or penalty and has implemented reasonable and appropriate controls to ensure that the situation will not occur again prior to being allowed to participate in subsequent CFCs and/or serving as a PCFO for a campaign.

(b) At the Director's discretion, PCFO's and Federations may be directed to suspend distribution of current and future CFC donations from

Federal employees to recipient organizations. Federations and PCFO's shall immediately place suspended contributions in an interest bearing account until directed to do otherwise.

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§ 950.604 Records retention.

Federations, PCFOs and other participants in the CFC shall retain documents pertinent to the campaign for at least three completed campaign periods. For example, documentation regarding the 2006 campaign must be retained through the completion of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 campaign periods (*i.e.* until early 2011). Documents requested by OPM must be made available within 10 business days of the request.

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§ 950.605 Sanctions compliance certification.

Each federation, federation member and unaffiliated organization applying for participation in the CFC must, as a condition of participation, complete a certification that it is in compliance with all statutes, Executive orders, and regulations restricting or prohibiting U.S. persons from engaging in transactions and dealings with countries, entities or individuals subject to economic sanctions administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Should any change in circumstances pertaining to this certification occur at any time, the organization must notify OPM's Office of CFC Operations immediately. OPM will take such steps as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, including, but not limited to, notifying OFAC and/or other enforcement authorities of such change, suspending disbursement of CFC funds not yet disbursed, retracting (to the extent practicable) CFC funds already disbursed, and suspending or expelling the organization from the CFC.

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