



STATE OF IOWA CDBG-DR CODE OF CONDUCT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure the efficient, fair, and professional administration of CDBG-DR federal grant funds in compliance with 2 CFR Part 200.318, 24 CFR 570.489(g), 24 CFR 570.489(h), and other applicable federal and State standards, regulations, and laws.

APPLICATION:

This Code of Conduct applies to all officers, employees, or agents of the State of Iowa engaged in the award or administration of contracts supported by CDBG-DR federal grant funds.

REQUIREMENTS:

No officer, employee, or agent of the State of Iowa shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal CDBG-DR grant funds, if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when:

- A. The employee, officer, or agent;
- B. Any member of his/her immediate family;
- C. His/her partner; or
- D. An organization which employs, or is about to employ any of the above, or, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award

State of Iowa officers, employees, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or subcontractors.

FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE

The State of Iowa has zero tolerance for the commission or concealment of acts of fraud, waste, or abuse. All officers, employees, or agents shall notify the State Auditor of suspected actions. Allegations of such acts will be investigated and pursued to their logical conclusion, including legal action where warranted. All instances of fraud, waste, and abuse will also be referred to the HUD OIG Fraud Hotline.

REMEDIES

To the extent permitted by federal, state, or local laws or regulations, violation of these standards may cause penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions to be taken against State of Iowa officers, employees, agents, contractors, potential contractors, subcontractors, or their agents.

