

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON ETHICAL STANDARDS
GUIDELINES FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 189**

The following guidelines have been developed to assist State employees and vendors in evaluating the conflict of interest potential in any contract or Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Example 1

Employee is out to lunch or dinner with a contractor, consultant or any other private party which does or may do business with employee's agency. The employee should either pick up the check (assuming the employee has the authority or necessary approval), or pay for own meal (and get receipt). The best advice is, of course, to avoid these situations entirely.

Example 2

Employee is invited to a golf outing sponsored by a contractor, consultant or any other private party which does or may do business with employee's agency. Green fees, food and beverage will be paid for by the sponsor. Employee should politely decline the invitation.

Example 3

Employee is offered tickets to sporting or other entertainment events by a contractor, consultant or any other private party which does or may do business with employee's agency. Employee should politely decline the tickets. Payment by the employee for the ticket's face amount is also unacceptable.

Example 4

Employee is at a convention and stops at a vendor or other hospitality suite for a drink and hors d'oeuvres. Employee may accept hospitality as long as reception or suite is open to all conference attendees.

Example 5

Employee receives gift at Christmas/Hannukah time of liquor, cheese, etc. from a contractor, consultant or any other private party which does or may do business with employee's agency. Employee should decline the gift in the most gracious way possible.

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Example 6

Employee is a member of a professional organization to which he or she pays dues (or his/her agency pays dues on behalf of employee). Employee may attend functions run by the organization and any additional fees and charges should be paid by the employee or his/her agency. Employee should not attend functions if fees are paid by a contractor, consultant or any other private party which does or may do business with his/her agency.

Example 7

Employee is invited to a "ribbon cutting" or "groundbreaking" ceremony at which a vendor is providing refreshments. Employee may attend as long as he/she receives no special consideration.