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#### **A Disclosure of Information**

##### **1 General** Revised 1/2007

The Source Selection Official (SSO), each procurement team member (program officials, contracting personnel, legal counsel, and other support staff), including advisors, and any other individuals exposed to commercially sensitive and source selection sensitive information must maintain confidentiality of that information.

##### **2 Requirement for an Agreement Regarding Non-Disclosure of Information** Revised 1/2017

Maintaining the security of sensitive procurement information and source selection proceedings is of paramount importance to the integrity of the evaluation process. To assure that sensitive data acquired in the course of the procurement are handled properly by each procurement team member, the individuals involved in these proceedings are required to sign an Agreement Regarding Non-Disclosure of Information before the Screening Information Request (SIR) is issued for all procurements with an estimated value of \$150,000 or greater. This agreement provides notice of the type of information that requires protection and the penalties for improperly disclosing such information.

The certification of completion of Annual Ethics Training by Contracting Officers, Contract Specialists and Legal Counsel is considered a blanket Agreement Regarding Non-Disclosure of Information for the following fiscal year, so these individuals will not need to fill out individual Agreement Regarding Non-Disclosure of Information forms. The completion of Annual Ethics Training is documented in eLMS.

##### **3 Processing a Violation of the Agreement Regarding Non-Disclosure of Information**

Revised 1/2011

Any suspected or actual improper disclosure of procurement sensitive information must be reported to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer will consult with the Procurement Legal Division for guidance in this matter. The suspected violator should not be permitted to continue in the procurement process until the suspected violation has been reviewed and legal advice obtained.

##### **4 Processing a Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request** Revised 1/2017

a. The CO processes requests for procurement information under FOIA. Unless the request for information is exempt from disclosure under the Act (such as trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential), the information must be released. The CO coordinates responses to FOIA requests with the local FOIA Control Officer and the Office of Chief Counsel.

b. The CO must coordinate a request for procurement information with the vendor (submitter)

whose contract, or information provided under a contract, is requested. The CO must request that the vendor describe the specific information exempt from disclosure and provide the specific exemption(s) which apply to the information. The vendor's response must be placed in the contract file. The CO determination whether the information is exempt from disclosure and rationale for the determination must also be placed in the contract file.

## **5 Single-Source/Non-Competitive Acquisitions** Added 7/2012

The requirements of this Section are also applicable to single-source and non-competitive acquisitions. For such acquisitions, the Contracting Officer will take all appropriate actions in coordination with the Program Office. The Contracting Officer may tailor the Agreement Regarding Non-Disclosure of Information Form as appropriate.

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### **C Forms**

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