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TO: Designated Agency Ethics Officials

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SUBJECT: Updated Conflicts of Interest Guidance on OGE's Website

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is pleased to announce the release of nine updated guidance documents to assist agency ethics officials in identifying and analyzing potential conflicts of interest that can arise from various financial interests. In these guidance documents, which update and reorganize the guidance previously found in *Public Financial Disclosure: A Reviewer's Reference*, OGE discusses common conflict of interest issues that arise from various types of financial interests, as well as interests arising from employment and employment-related assets.

These guidance documents can be found under the "Topics" tab on OGE's website in the "Financial Conflicts of Interest" section.¹ The complete list of documents is as follows:

- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Assets
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Legal Entities that Hold Assets
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Private Investment Funds and Employment with an Investment Fund
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Liabilities
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Common Employment Interests
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Business or Farm Ownership
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Corporate Employment
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Law Firm or Consulting Employment
- Conflicts of Interest Considerations: Employment with Institutions of Higher Education and Related Research, Speaking, and Writing Activities

OGE has chosen this format in order to aid ethics officials in identifying the issues that typically arise with particular assets or particular types of employment situations. This guide is a

¹ <https://www.oge.gov/web/OGE.nsf/Financial+Conflicts+of+Interest/931A1B0819F5E884852582200075ECC8>



living document. OGE will update the guidance as financial instruments and legal interpretations of applicable conflicts of interest laws and regulations evolve. Agency ethics officials may contact their OGE Desk Officers if that have questions about the new content or if they have suggestions for additional content or future revisions. Other stakeholders may provide feedback by emailing OGE at *ContactOGE@oge.gov*.