**Section 1.5020 Exemptions**

If the SPO finds a conflict of interest under Section 50-13 of the Code with the vendor selected for award or contract negotiations, the SPO shall forward to the CPO-GS the name of the vendor and a description of the proposed contract and of the conflict, and shall state why an exemption should be granted. The CPO-GS shall decide whether to disapprove the contract or submit the files to the Executive Ethics Commission to determine whether an exemption should be granted in accordance with Section 50-20 of the Code. The CPO-GS may request the State agency's position on the conflict of interest to assist in the CPO-GS' decision.

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