**Section 1.5023 Other Conflicts of Interest**

a) Except as otherwise specified in the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act [50 ILCS 105], no officer of a State agency or member of a State agency's governing board shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract to be made by that State agency's governing board for any purposes whatsoever.

b) Except as otherwise specified in the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act, a State agency may not award a contract to an officer or employee of the State agency; a member of the State agency's governing board; a firm, partnership, association or corporation, the owner or principal owners or major officers or primary employees of which are officers or employees of the State agency or members of the governing board of the State agency; or members of the immediate family of an officer or employee of the State agency or a member of the governing board of the State agency, unless the contract is deemed essential to the State agency operations and is approved by the State agency's head and the CPO-GS. These approvals shall be filed with the contract and shall be made part of the procurement file.

c) Any State agency that has its owns policies regarding procurement conflict of interest relative to its own employees must provide notice of any potential conflict of interest to the SPO along with the State agency's policy. This information may be used by the SPO when considering whether to award a contract.

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