

## Conflict of Interest

As a government entity, the County of Los Angeles has a policy on conflicts of interest. As a result, contract solicitations are required to state the following language:

"No County employee whose position in the County of Los Angeles enables him/her to influence the selection of a Contractor for this contract solicitation or any competing solicitation, nor any spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by a Bidder/Proposer or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selected Contractor. By submission of a bid/proposal, the Bidder/Proposer certifies both that he/she is aware of and has read Section 2.180.010 of the Los Angeles County Code provided below, and that an award of an Agreement to the Bidder/Proposer shall not violate such Section;

Section 2.180.010(A) of the County Code reads as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other section of this code, the County shall not contract with, and shall reject any bid or proposal submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the board of supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such Agreement:

1. Employees of the County or of public agencies for which the board of supervisors is the governing body;
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in subdivision 1 of subsection A serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of subdivision 1 of subsection A, and who:
  - a. Were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the Agreement; or
  - b. Participated in any way in developing the Agreement or its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in subdivision 3 of subsection A, serve as officers, principals, partners or major shareholders."

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