

809.406-1 General.

- (a) For the purposes of FAR 9.406-1, the SDO's authority includes debarments pursuant to the Federal Management Regulation at 41 CFR 102-117.295. In addition to the factors listed in FAR 9.406-1, the SDO may consider the following examples before arriving at a debarment decision:
- (1) Whether the contractor had a mechanism, such as a hotline, by which employees could have reported suspected instances of improper conduct, and instructions in place that encouraged employees to make such reports; or
 - (2) Whether the contractor conducted periodic reviews of company business practices, procedures, policies, and internal controls for compliance with standards of conduct and the special requirements of Government contracting.
- (c) As provided in FAR 9.406-1(c), authority to determine whether to continue business dealings between VA and a contractor suspended, proposed for debarment, or debarred is delegated to the SDO.

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