

Subpart 1409.5 - Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest

Parent topic: [PART 1409 - CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS](#)

1409.503 Waiver.

(a) The Director, PAM, is authorized to waive any general rule or procedure in FAR Subpart 9.5, when such action is in the Government's interest.

(b) Request for waivers shall be made by the HCA, through the appropriate SOL, to the Director, PAM. Each request shall include:

- (1) An analysis of the facts involving the potential or actual conflict, including benefits and detriments to the Government and prospective contractor(s);
- (2) A discussion of the factors which preclude avoiding, neutralizing or mitigating the conflict; and
- (3) Identification of the provision(s) in FAR Subpart 9.5 to be waived.

1409.506 Procedures.

If the CO determines that contractor performance of the contemplated work is likely to create an organizational conflict of interest, then the contracting officer shall refer the documentation of the potential conflict and proposed resolution prepared in accordance with 7.105(b)(18) to the HCA for approval. Referrals to the HCA shall be initiated by the CO and reviewed by the SOL.