§ 98.955 Nonprocurement Programs,’ so long as published.

§ 98.955 Indictment.

*Indictment* means an indictment for a criminal offense. A presentment, information, or other filing by a competent authority charging a criminal offense shall be given the same effect as an indictment.

§ 98.960 Ineligible or ineligibility.

*Ineligible or ineligibility* means that a person or commodity is prohibited from covered transactions because of an exclusion or disqualification.

§ 98.965 Legal proceedings.

*Legal proceedings* means any criminal proceeding or any civil judicial proceeding, including a proceeding under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (31 U.S.C. 3801–3812), to which the Federal Government or a State or local government or quasi-governmental authority is a party. The term also includes appeals from those proceedings.

§ 98.970 Nonprocurement transaction.

(a) *Nonprocurement transaction* means any transaction, regardless of type (except procurement contracts), including, but not limited to the following:

1. Grants.
2. Cooperative agreements.
3. Scholarships.
4. Fellowships.
5. Contracts of assistance.
7. Loan guarantees.
8. Subsidies.
9. Insurances.
10. Payments for specified uses.
11. Donation agreements.

(b) A nonprocurement transaction at any tier does not require the transfer of Federal funds.

§ 98.975 Notice.

*Notice* means a written communication served in person, sent by certified mail or its equivalent, or sent electronically by e-mail or facsimile. (See §98.615.)

§ 98.980 Participant.

*Participant* means any person who submits a proposal for or who enters into a covered transaction, including an agent or representative of a participant.

§ 98.985 Person.

*Person* means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, unit of government, or legal entity, however organized.

§ 98.990 Preponderance of the evidence.

*Preponderance of the evidence* means proof by information that, compared with information opposing it, leads to the conclusion that the fact at issue is more probably true than not.

§ 98.995 Principal.

*Principal* means—

(a) An officer, director, owner, partner, principal investigator, or other person within a participant with management or supervisory responsibilities related to a covered transaction; or

(b) A consultant or other person, whether or not employed by the participant or paid with Federal funds, who—

1. Is in a position to handle Federal funds;
2. Is in a position to influence or control the use of those funds; or
3. Occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.

§ 98.1000 Respondent.

*Respondent* means a person against whom an agency has initiated a debarment or suspension action.

§ 98.1005 State.

(a) *State* means—

1. Any of the states of the United States;
2. The District of Columbia;
3. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
4. Any territory or possession of the United States; or
5. Any agency or instrumentality of a state.

(b) For purposes of this part, *State* does not include institutions of higher education, hospitals, or units of local government.