



Investigative Summary: Conflict of Interest and Violation of the Procurement Integrity Act

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The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), Office of the Inspector General (OIG), completed an investigation into alleged misconduct by a senior GPO employee during the procurement of a GPO contract. The investigation ultimately determined that there was a failure to disclose to the GPO that the employee had an existing personal relationship with a Program Manager (PM) employed by one of the companies bidding on a GPO contract. The OIG's investigation found that the employee did not offer to recuse themselves from the Procurement Evaluation Panel (PEP) during the source selection process for the contract. Ultimately, the employee admitted to the OIG that they maintained a personal relationship with the PM and failed to notify the GPO and their supervisor of the potential conflict of interest.

The investigation found insufficient evidence to support a violation of Title 41, Chapter 21 – Procurement Integrity Act, or 18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy to Defraud the Government. However, the investigation determined that the senior GPO employee violated GPO Directive 655.3C – Standards of Conduct for Government Publishing Office Officers and Employees and GPO Directive 655.10A Conflicts of Interest.

The U.S. Attorney's Office declined prosecution for this matter. The GPO OIG notified GPO leadership of this investigation and its results.