

**OMB Guidance, Grants and Agreements**

**§ 180.105**

**§ 180.40 How are these guidelines maintained?**

The Interagency Committee on Debarment and Suspension established by section 4 of E.O. 12549 recommends to the OMB any needed revisions to the guidelines in this part. The OMB publishes proposed changes to the guidelines in the FEDERAL REGISTER for public comment, considers comments with the help of the Interagency Committee on Debarment and Suspension, and issues the final guidelines.

**§ 180.45 Do these guidelines cover persons who are disqualified, as well as those who are excluded from nonprocurement transactions?**

A Federal agency may add a subpart covering disqualifications to its regulation implementing these guidelines, but the guidelines in subparts A through I of this part—

(a) Address disqualified persons only to—

(1) Provide for their inclusion in the EPLS; and

(2) State responsibilities of Federal agencies and participants to check for

disqualified persons before entering into covered transactions.

(b) Do not specify the—

(1) Transactions for which a disqualified person is ineligible. Those transactions vary on a case-by-case basis, because they depend on the language of the specific statute, Executive order or regulation that caused the disqualification;

(2) Entities to which a disqualification applies; or

(3) Process that a Federal agency uses to disqualify a person. Unlike exclusion under subparts A through I of this part, disqualification is frequently not a discretionary action that a Federal agency takes, and may include special procedures.

**Subpart A—General**

**§ 180.100 How are subparts A through I organized?**

(a) Each subpart contains information related to a broad topic or specific audience with special responsibilities, as shown in the following table:

In subpart . . .	You will find provisions related to . . .
A .....	general information about Subparts A through I of this part.
B .....	the types of transactions that are covered by the Governmentwide nonprocurement suspension and debarment system.
C .....	the responsibilities of persons who participate in covered transactions.
D .....	the responsibilities of Federal agency officials who are authorized to enter into covered transactions.
E .....	the responsibilities of Federal agencies for entering information into the EPLS
F .....	the general principles governing suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion and settlement.
G .....	suspension actions.
H .....	debarment actions.
I .....	definitions of terms used in this part.

(b) The following table shows which subparts may be of special interest to you, depending on who you are:

If you are . . .	See Subpart(s) . . .
(1) a participant or principal in a nonprocurement transaction .....	A, B, C and I.
(2) a respondent in a suspension action .....	A, B, F, G and I.
(3) a respondent in a debarment action .....	A, B, F, H and I.
(4) a suspending official .....	A, B, E, F, G and I.
(5) a debarring official .....	A, B, D, F, H and I.
(6) an Federal agency official authorized to enter into a covered transaction .....	A, B, D, E and I.

**§ 180.105 How is this part written?**

(a) This part uses a “plain language” format to make it easier for the general public and business community to use. The section headings and text,

often in the form of questions and answers, must be read together.

(b) Pronouns used within this part, such as “I” and “you,” change from