1. GENERAL

1.1 Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of System components are responsible for compliance with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act Amendments of 1988, as amended. Codified at 41 U.S.C. 423, the Act is commonly known as the Procurement Integrity Act (Act).

1.2 The requirements of the Act relate to contractors who seek procurement contracts from the federal government in order to provide the government or one of its agencies with goods or services. The majority of such relationships that involve the System or its components are those for federally-funded research.

1.3 The Act provides that neither the System nor any officer, employee, agent, representative, and/or consultant of the System may knowingly, directly or indirectly:

   (1) make any offer or promise of future employment or business opportunity to, or engage in any discussion of future employment or business opportunity with, any Federal Procurement Officer;

   (2) offer, give, or promise to offer or give any money, gratuity, or other thing of value to any Federal Procurement Officer; or

   (3) solicit or obtain from any officer or employee of a federal agency, prior to the award of a contract, any proprietary or source selection information regarding such procurement.

2. ADMINISTRATION

CEOs are responsible for establishing procedures to comply with the Act, including the requirement to obtain a written certification of compliance from each officer, employee, agent, representative and/or consultant of the System who personally and substantially participates or will participate in the preparation or submission of a bid or offer under the Act. The certification should state that the participant: (1) is familiar with and will comply with the requirements of the Act and (2) will report immediately any information concerning a violation of the Act. A suggested format for the certificate can be found at: http://www.tamus.edu/offices/budgets-acct/documents/procurement.html.
Section 15 Rules