The Indiana Office of Inspector General is responsible for investigating and addressing fraud, waste, abuse, and wrongdoing in any agency within the executive branch of Indiana state government. This includes any authority, board, branch, commission, committee, department, division or other instrumentality of the executive branch of Indiana state government. The OIG relies on state workers to assist in identifying fraud and to report crimes and misconduct. But what exactly should you look for? How do you report it? Below are a few important points to keep in mind when considering whether someone is engaging in fraud/misconduct and how to report it.

Examples of potential employee misconduct:

- Abusing authority
- Stealing or embezzling state property or money
- Mismanaging or wasting state funds by spending extravagantly, carelessly, or needlessly
- Soliciting or accepting gifts from outside sources
- Misusing state time, equipment, or information
- Influencing the award of a grant or contract to benefit a particular company, friend, or family member
- Violating conflict of interests standards

Grant or contract fraud - Grant or contract fraud can occur when state funds are misused by those who receive them or when funds are awarded under false pretenses. Types of grant or contract fraud includes the following:

- Falsifying information in grant applications or contract proposals
- Using state funds to purchase items that are not for government use
- Billing more than one grant or contract for the same work
- Billing for expenses not incurred as part of the grant/contract
- Billing for work that was never performed
- Falsifying test results or other data
- Substituting approved materials with unauthorized products

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“I am in charge of reviewing RFPs for my agency. I have discovered my husband’s company has submitted a response to an RFP. Is this an issue?”

Yes, your participation in this matter could financially impact an immediate family member. Therefore, you will need to notify your ethics officer and appointing authority and file a disclosure statement with or seek an advisory opinion from the SEC.

“You work part-time as an electronics salesperson in addition to serving as a state employee. You find out your agency may be purchasing some new tablets. Can you suggest they consider purchasing from you/your employer?”

Not a good idea. If you participate in a decision in which your employer would have a financial interest, this could be a violation of IC 4-2-6-9.

“You are currently working on a project with a vendor. You find out the vendor is hiring and you apply for a job and are contacted for an interview. Can you continue to work on this project as part of your state duties?”

Because back and forth employment negotiations have begun, you are prohibited from participating in any decisions/votes or related matters which may have a financial impact on the company. If the vendor has a financial interest in the decisions you could make or participate in on the project, you will need to follow the requirements in IC 4-2-6-9(b) to avoid a violation of this rule.