**Federal Reviewer Guidance on Conflict of Interest Assessment for Proposals for R&D Contract Projects**

1. **Direct Financial Benefit:** The reviewer could receive, or the reviewer's close relative could receive, a direct financial benefit of any amount from the proposal, and the conflict is known to the reviewer and/or the SRO managing the review. [READ MORE](#)

2. **Employer:** The reviewer's employer or institution could encounter direct financial gain deriving from a proposal under review. [READ MORE](#)

3. **Indirect Financial Benefit:** The reviewer has received in the twelve months preceding his or her receipt of the proposal an indirect financial benefit from the offeror or the proposed PI that in the aggregate exceeds $10,000 per year. [READ MORE](#)

4. **Major Professional Role:** The reviewer is listed as participating on a proposal with a major professional role, including:
   - PI;
   - Senior/Key Personnel, Project/Site/Core Director, Other Significant Contributor, Subcontractor, Collaborator, and Consultant; and
   - Advisory Board member for the project or for the offeror. [READ MORE](#)

5. **Professional Relationship:** The reviewer has a professional relationship with the offeror or with an individual listed with a major professional role on a proposal; such professional relationships include: **Collaborators, Co-authors, Mentors, or Trainees** - currently or within the past three years. [READ MORE](#)

6. **Objectivity:** The reviewer feels unable to provide objective advice for any proposal. [READ MORE](#)

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None of the above applies AND reviewer as a **federal employee** has ensured that s/he is complying with all applicable **ethical conduct rules** and has obtained required **clearance** for SRG service from her/his employer. (For additional information see NOT-OD-14-069) [Reviewer may serve](#)