

SUPPLIER'S CODE OF ETHICS

PURPOSE

The Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) subscribes to the State's Code of Ethics for Governmental Service. It is expected that Suppliers used by GTA will conduct themselves in such a manner as to foster public confidence in the integrity of the organization and the public procurement process.

SCOPE

The general scope of this policy is to protect governmental integrity. Suppliers of the Georgia Technology Authority must ensure fairness and transparency in procurements and governance. This will be the central focus in moving to best valued procurements. GTA will assure fair and competitive access to governmental procurement by responsible vendors.

POLICY

The Georgia Technology Authority subscribes to the following ethical principles that govern the code of conduct for every Supplier doing business with GTA. GTA expects that Suppliers:

- Believe in the dignity and worth of the service rendered by the organization, and the societal responsibilities assumed as part of the trusted public servant.
- Are governed by the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships in order to merit the respect and inspire the confidence of the organization and the public being served.
- Believe that personal aggrandizement or personal profit obtained through misuse of public or personal relationships is dishonest and not tolerable.
- Identifies and eliminates participation of any individual in operational situations where a conflict of interest may be involved.
- Believe that members and staff should at no time, or under any circumstances, accept directly or indirectly, gifts, gratuities, or other things of value from suppliers, which might influence or appear to influence purchasing decisions.
- Resist encroachment on control of personnel in order to preserve integrity as a professional manager.
- Handle all personnel matters on a merit basis, and in compliance with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of politics, religion, color, national origin, disability, gender, age, pregnancy and other protected characteristics.
- Seek or dispense no personal favors. Handle each administrative problem objectively and empathetically, without discrimination.

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