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NATIONAL CAPITAL CONSORTIUM VENDOR RELATIONSHIP POLICY

ACGME Requirement: IV.L

1. As Federal employees, all NCC personnel, including trainees, are bound by the requirements of the Joint Ethics Regulation, details of which are found in 5 CFR 2601 et seq. (See: Implementation of Office of Government Ethics Statutory Gift Acceptance Authority)
2. As a general rule a Federal employee is prohibited from accepting gifts from any organization which receives more than \$25,000 per year in Federal contracts or grants. These organizations, commonly referred to as “prohibited sources”, include most colleges, universities and many non-profit organizations including the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, the Geneva Foundation, and FAES. There are limited exceptions to these prohibitions found in 5 CFR 2635.204, which include unsolicited small non-monetary gifts (pens, note pads, and related trinkets) of a value under \$20 per occasion (not to exceed an aggregate value of \$50 per prohibited source per year). Trainees and faculty should contact their Designated Agency Ethics Official for additional information.
3. Under limited circumstances a prohibited source may pay for all or part of official travel for a government employee. (See: Acceptance of travel and related expenses from non-Federal Sources, 31 USC 1353)
4. NOTE: Since this is official travel, it is a gift to the Government, not the individual, and normally requires official orders. Such travel must be for the benefit of the Government and authorized by your travel authority in conjunction with your Designated Agency Ethics Official. See your Designated Agency Ethics Official for additional information.

Per ACGME Institutional Requirements, effective 1 July 2022.

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