

ADDENDUM C: WHISTLEBLOWER VERIFICATION & AWARD PROTOCOL

Purpose: To establish a rigorous verification standard that prevents fraudulent or redundant claims while protecting the "Fiscal Self-Sufficiency" of the Commission.

I. DEFINITION OF A VERIFIED WHISTLEBLOWER

In accordance with Section 7, a "Verified Whistleblower" must meet the following three-prong test:

1. **Original Information:** The information must not be known to the government from any other source, including public news media, GAO reports, or existing FIC audits.
2. **Voluntary Disclosure:** The information must be provided before the official is under a formal FIC inquiry or a DOJ investigation.
3. **Independent Corroboration:** The claim must be supported by at least two independent corroborating facts (e.g., internal emails, digital ledger logs, or sworn witness statements) as required for initial complaint screening.

II. THE "NON-PARTICIPANT" EXCLUSION

To maintain the integrity of the award system:

- **No "Profit from Fraud":** Any individual who planned, initiated, or significantly facilitated the "Official Fraud" being reported is disqualified from receiving any portion of the 20% award.
- **Government Employee Limitation:** FIC employees and DOJ officials involved in the enforcement of this Act are ineligible for whistleblower awards to prevent internal "bounty hunting."

III. MANDATORY VERIFICATION STEPS

Before any funds from the 5% fine set-aside are disbursed to a whistleblower:

1. **DOJ Retaliation Review:** The whistleblower must undergo an expedited review to ensure they are protected from professional or legal retaliation.
2. **SHA-256 Hash Verification:** If the evidence involves digital documents, the whistleblower's submission must be cross-referenced against the **Federal Truth Archive's digital ledger** to confirm the document's authenticity and timestamp.
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3. **Final Court Order:** No award shall be paid until a Federal District Court has issued a final judgment and the fine has been successfully collected from the official's personal assets as outlined in Addendum B.

IV. THE "ANTI-REDUNDANCY" RULE

- **First-to-File:** If multiple individuals provide information on the same Fraudulent Statement, only the first whistleblower to provide "Original Information" that leads to a fine exceeding \$50,000 is eligible for the award.

- **Award Cap:** Total whistleblower awards for a single case shall not exceed 20% of the total recovered fine, regardless of the number of individuals involved.