#### § 180.430

### § 180.430 How do I check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified?

You check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified in two ways:

- (a) You as a Federal agency official must check SAM Exclusions when you take any action listed in §180.425.
- (b) You must review information that a participant gives you, as required by §180.335, about its status or the status of the principals of a transaction.

## § 180.435 What must I require of a primary tier participant?

You as a Federal agency official must require each participant in a primary tier covered transaction to—

- (a) Comply with subpart C of this part as a condition of participation in the transaction; and
- (b) Communicate the requirement to comply with subpart C of this part to persons at the next lower tier with whom the primary tier participant enters into covered transactions.

# § 180.440 What action may I take if a primary tier participant knowingly does business with an excluded or disqualified person?

If a participant knowingly does business with an excluded or disqualified person, you as a Federal agency official may refer the matter for suspension and debarment consideration. You may also disallow costs, annul or terminate the transaction, issue a stop work order, or take any other appropriate remedy.

## § 180.445 What action may I take if a primary tier participant fails to disclose the information required under § 180.335?

If you as a Federal agency official determine that a participant failed to disclose information, as required by §180.335, at the time it entered into a covered transaction with you, you may—

- (a) Terminate the transaction for material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the transaction: or
- (b) Pursue any other available remedies, including suspension and debarment.

#### §180.450 What action may I take if a lower tier participant fails to disclose the information required under §180.355 to the next higher tier?

If you as a Federal agency official determine that a lower tier participant failed to disclose information, as required by \$180.355, at the time it entered into a covered transaction with a participant at the next higher tier, you may pursue any remedies available to you, including the initiation of a suspension or debarment action.

### Subpart E— System for Award Management Exclusions

#### §180.500 What is the purpose of the System for Award Management Exclusions (SAM Exclusions)?

SAM Exclusions is a widely available source of the most current information about persons who are excluded or disqualified from covered transactions.

#### § 180.505 Who uses SAM Exclusions?

- (a) Federal agency officials use SAM Exclusions to determine whether to enter into a transaction with a person, as required under §180.430.
- (b) Participants also may, but are not required to, use SAM Exclusions to determine if—
- (1) Principals of their transactions are excluded or disqualified, as required under §180.320; or
- (2) Persons with whom they are entering into covered transactions at the next lower tier are excluded or disqualified.
- (c) Sam Exclusions are available to the general public.

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## § 180.510 Who maintains SAM Exclusions?

The General Services Administration (GSA) maintains SAM Exclusions. When a Federal agency takes an action to exclude a person under the non-procurement or procurement debarment and suspension system, the agency enters the information about the excluded person into SAM Exclusions.