



POLICY FLASH 2012-68

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TO: Procurement Directors



FROM: Director,
Contract and Financial Assistance Policy Division
Office of Policy
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Political Activity

SUMMARY: Policy Flash 2011-2, issued October 5, 2010, provided information on the prohibition on using Government property and facilities to conduct political activities. Recently, there was an alleged misuse of the Department of Energy (DOE) e-mail system to conduct political activities by a DOE contractor. This Policy Flash serves as a reminder on political activities in the workplace during this election season. Government property and facilities are not authorized for political activity. DOE contractors are restricted from using Government property and facilities for political activities. This includes the use of computers, phones and other personal property or equipment. Use of the DOE email system to send political messages or other mass mailings of non-work related material is also strictly prohibited.

Additional information on contractor political activity at DOE facilities and requests from candidates for site visits is attached.

Contracting Officers are requested to remind M&O and other onsite contractors of these restrictions and prohibitions.

This flash may be viewed at <http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/procurement-and-acquisition/policy-flashes>

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