

### Ban on Lobbyists Serving on Advisory Committees

**Background.** Federally registered lobbyists who are serving in their individual capacity (not representing the interests of an organization, industry or other interest group) are prohibited from serving on federal advisory committees. See [OFACP Policy: Implementing Ban on Lobbyists Serving on Advisory Committees – Revised October 2014](#).

- On June 18, 2010, President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum announcing a continued commitment to reduce the influence of special interests by keeping federal advisory committees and boards free of federally registered lobbyists.
- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was directed to issue final guidance to implement this directive following a public comment period. On October 5, 2011, OMB published "Final Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Boards and Commissions." The prohibition on the appointment of federally registered lobbyists applies to appointments and re-appointments made after June 18, 2010.
- On August 13, 2014, OMB issued revised guidance to clarify that the ban on appointing federally registered lobbyists applies only to persons serving in their individual capacity and not if they are appointed to represent the interests of an organization, industry or other interest group.

**Reviewer's Responsibility.** Each reviewer must certify, before gaining access to the Internet Assisted Review site, or participating in NIH peer review, that he or she is NOT a federally registered lobbyist.

#### LOBBYIST STATUS

- I am NOT a federally registered lobbyist. (See Answer A1 at this site: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-13/pdf/2014-19140.pdf>)
- I am a federally registered lobbyist; the meeting date falls within my term.

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