
42 U.S. Code § 1769f

Duties of Secretary relating to nonprocurement debarment

(a) Purposes

The purposes of this section are to promote the prevention and deterrence of instances of fraud, bid rigging, and other anticompetitive activities encountered in the procurement of products for child nutrition programs by—

- (1) establishing guidelines and a timetable for the Secretary to initiate debarment proceedings, as well as establishing mandatory debarment periods; and
- (2) providing training, technical advice, and guidance in identifying and preventing the activities.

(b) Definitions

As used in this section:

(1) Child nutrition program

The term “child nutrition program” means—

- (A) the school lunch program established under this chapter;
- (B) the summer food service program for children established under section 1761 of this title;
- (C) the child and adult care food program established under section 1766 of this title;
- (D) the special milk program established under section 1772 of this title;
- (E) the school breakfast program established under section 1773 of this title; and
- (F) the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children authorized under section 1786 of this title.

(2) Contractor

The term “contractor” means a person that contracts with a State, an agency of a State, or a local agency to provide goods or services in relation to the participation of a local agency in a child nutrition program.

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