

Effective: August 17, 2026

Department of Energy Interim Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements for Financial Assistance

On July 16, 2026, the Department of Energy published the final Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment (COI/COC) regulations. The new regulations are codified in 2 CFR part 910 subpart C and will replace DOE's interim COI policy. The regulations have an effective date of August 17, 2026. However:

- Existing awards will continue to follow the COI requirements specified in the award terms and conditions (e.g., interim COI policy) until such time as DOE modifies the award terms and conditions to include the final COI/COC regulations policy.**
- Applications submitted to NOFOs that refer to the interim COI policy still follow the interim COI policy. If an application is selected for award negotiation, DOE will give guidance on when and how the final COI/COC policy will be applied to those awards.**

DOE knows that many institutions are concerned about meeting the August 17, 2026, effective date. DOE is considering extending the compliance deadline and will share more information soon.