

Summary: Senior BLM Official Violated Federal Ethics Rules by Hiring a Friend as a Consultant

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The OIG investigated an allegation that a senior official with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was involved in a conflict of interest when she directed her staff to hire a private consultant who was her friend.

We found that the official violated Federal ethics regulations when she directed her staff to pay \$2,400 to a private consultant with whom she had both a professional and personal relationship. In return for the payment, the consultant provided three written work products to BLM.

This is a summary of a report of investigation that we issued to the BLM Deputy Director.

