

# QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION



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A County employee does have a conflict of interest if he holds secondary employment with another organization that receives funding from the County Department in which he works. This financial relationship is in violation the Conflict of Interest section of the Queen Anne's County Public Ethics Law, specifically §8-11A(2) (b), and/or A(7).

- Section 8-11A(2)(b) prohibits a County employee from being employed by another entity that does business with the employee's governmental unit, which includes a County department's contract with an entity involving commitment of \$1,000 or more of County funds in a calendar year, see Section 8-6, defining "doing business with".
- Section 8-11A(7) prohibits a County employee from using the prestige of the County office or confidential information acquired through the County position for the employee's private gain or the private gain of another. As to whether the facts presented to the Commission present at least an appearance of a conflict of interest, the Commission concluded that an informed member of the public could reasonably believe that they would.