

Purpose: To prevent the Olympic Community of Health (OCH) from entering into a contractual relationship and distributing federal funds to an entity that is suspended or debarred.

Definitions:

Suspension: a temporary disqualification from federal government contracting and subcontracting, pending the completion of investigation or legal proceedings in which sufficient evidence has shown an organization to have committed an act that would put them in debarment status.

Debarment: A three year period of time where an organization cannot receive federal funds based upon the preponderance of the evidence, usually a conviction.

Causes: Commission of fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violation of Federal criminal laws, receiving stolen property or unfair trade practice; violation of antitrust statutes; willful, or a history of, failure to perform; violation of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, delinquent Federal taxes; knowing failure to disclose violation of criminal law; or any other cause that affects present responsibility.

Policy: Any potential contractor who is currently suspended or debarred is ineligible to receive funds from the OCH, a federally funded non-profit.

Once contract or contract amendment proceedings have begun, the contract manager will search for the agency in the Federal Suspension and Debarment database, found on www.sam.gov. If the OCH finds that the agency is ineligible for federal funding, all contract proceedings will stop immediately, and that organization or individual will be notified in writing that the OCH will not complete the contract. Record of the search will be included in the contract file and made available upon request to the Health Care Authority or any auditing agency.