Organizational Conflicts of Interest

Government contemplates program/funding opportunity

LBNL develops specifications or statement of work

LBNL receives key information from funding agency not released or available to the public

Restrictions on LBNL ability to propose or compete for subject funding
DOE Calling...

- Informal Inquiry
- Requests Feasibility Study
- OK
  - Informal Response
- OK
  - Perform Study

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DOE Calling...

Asks LBNL to design/define specs or SOW for competitive solicitation (Funding Opportunity Announcement)

LBNL prohibited from competing for FOA that LBNL specs unless DOE issues waiver

“We are interested in competing for this funding opportunity, so, regrettably, we cannot assist you in developing the FOA.”
DOE Calling...

Gives LBNL info not available to the public
- Plans, reports, data
- Research priorities
- New facilities
- New projects

LBNL prohibited from submitting unsolicited proposal for 6 months after info becomes public

“We are thinking about submitting an unsolicited proposal in this area so let’s limit our discussions to information that is available publicly.”