## **GIFTS RULES**

All UF Employees

(including their spouses and minor children)

Cannot solicit or accept **gifts** from anyone if the UF personnel's **official** action or judgment would be influenced by the gift

Reporting Individuals and Procurement Employees

Cannot solicit a gift from a **vendor** or **lobbyist** 

Cannot accept a gift from a **vendor** or **lobbyist** if the gift is valued over \$100 College of Medicine Employees

There are additional restrictions on COM employees accepting gifts from the pharmaceutical, medical device, and biotechnology industry.

(See COM Policy below)

## **DEFINITIONS**

- Procurement Employees: UF employees with a P-Card or any role in procurement involving more than \$10,000 in a fiscal year.
- Reporting Employees: UF employees who file a Form 1 disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

## **TIPS**

- When referring to gifts from vendors, this includes current and potential vendors.
- It is often difficult to tell whether you are or might be improperly influenced by a gift. When in doubt, decline the gift.
- Each scenario is very fact specific. Please contact us at **UF-Compliance@ufl.edu** to discuss any gift questions or issues that may arise.

## **REFERENCES**

- State employees: FL Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
- College of Medicine employees: COM UF-5.0764 Policy
- Using Gifts cards and Certificates: Finance and Accounting Directives
- Accepting or soliciting gifts from vendors in connection with any contract (or potential contract):
  BOG Reg. 18.001 Procurement Regulation

