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Corporate Table Associate Program

Table Associates Guidelines

The Department of Defense (DoD), through the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) (OASD/PA), closely scrutinizes the social relationships between contractors and military/civilian members of the DoD. As in years past, AFCEA has requested and received approval from the OASD/PA concerning the invitations and seating process used by AFCEA for social events in connection with all conventions, symposiums and luncheon/dinner meetings. Based on AFCEA assurances and OASD/PA observation of our procedures, OASD/PA has posed no objection to the participation of DoD personnel in AFCEA social functions. AFCEA's conformity to the spirit and intent of DoD regulations on ethical standards is essential. Withdrawal of DoD support would sever the excellent relationship that exists between industry and government. Defense contractors are not permitted to be involved in the invitation or seating process for AFCEA social events.

Since a "neutral" person without direct corporate participation must do the assignment of guests, the assignment of guests cannot be accommodated through submission of specifically named guests from corporate table buyers.

As in the past, invitations to military and civilian government personnel are made in the name of AFCEA for those table seats, which are made available to AFCEA from our corporate table associates. In no way should corporate sponsors or their representatives make invitations for social events to military or government personnel.

This procedure, endorsed by the DOD, will provide the most equitable assignment of guests. The names of guests will be provided to corporate table contacts prior to the meeting, when requested.