



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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Re: Docket No. 12-08-DA

**NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT FROM FEDERAL  
PROCUREMENT AND NON-PROCUREMENT TRANSACTIONS**

This notice is issued by the United States Department of Education (Department) pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 85.870 to inform you that you are **DEBARRED EFFECTIVE THE DATE OF THIS LETTER** from participating in any covered transactions under federal procurement and non-procurement programs and activities of any federal agency. As a consequence of being debarred, you are not eligible to receive federal financial and non-financial assistance or benefits from any federal agency under procurement or non-procurement programs and activities. Also, you may not act as a principal on behalf of any person in connection with a covered transaction. A principal is defined in 34 C.F.R. § 85.995 and includes any key employee or other person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over a covered transaction. This debarment is effective for all covered transactions unless an agency head or authorized designee grants an exception for a particular transaction in accordance with 34 C.F.R. § 85.120.

On January 25, 2012, the Department issued to you a Notice of Proposed Government-Wide Debarment from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Transactions, and informed you of your right to submit information and argument in opposition to such an action. That Notice was mailed to you at your last known address of record via U.S.P.S., Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. That Notice was mailed to you at your last known address of record via U.S.P.S., Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. The Return Receipt was refused and returned to the Department on January 30, 2012. Since service was attempted at your last known address, you are deemed to have received constructive notice on February 13, 2012.

Under the applicable regulations, one subject to a proposed debarment is given 30 days from receipt of the Notice to oppose the proposed action. Thirty days have passed from the date of notice, and this office has received no correspondence from you contesting the contents of the January 25, 2012, Notice. Therefore, the matter is now considered timely.

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*The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.*

You were a financial aid employee at Compton Community College, from on or about March 9, 2006, to on or about April 7, 2006, in Los Angeles County and elsewhere. During this period, you recruited individuals to pose as students. You recruited these "students" so that these individuals could procure Federal financial aid funds. Once these funds arrived, the purported "students" split the funds with you and others.

You were formally charged in a four count Indictment with theft of student assistance funds in violation of 20 U.S.C. § 1097(a). On November 4, 2011, you entered into and signed a Letter of Agreement in which you admitted your conduct described in the Indictment.

Based upon your admission and the Letter of Agreement, **I FIND** that debarment is warranted. The uncontested record and the Notice of Proposed Government-Wide Debarment from Federal Non-Procurement Transactions demonstrate that debarment should be imposed inasmuch as these violations constitute serious charges and cause for debarment under 34 C.F.R. §§ 85.800(d).

Under 34.C.F.R. § 85.865(a), the period of debarment is to be commensurate with the seriousness of the cause(s) for debarment. The charges levied against you in the Notice of Proposed Government-Wide Debarment from Federal Non-Procurement Transactions, which have gone without comment, constitute a serious threat to governmental programs. Accordingly, I have determined that the period of debarment will be **two** years, effective the date of this letter. The regulations contained in 34 C.F.R. Part 85, and the Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension Procedures mailed with the Notice govern this debarment.

**SO ORDERED,**

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Deciding Debarment  
and Suspension Official