

Summary: Investigation of a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Land Law Examiner for Conflicts of Interest

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We investigated allegations that a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Land Law Examiner received Federal contracts for his personal land title business while he was a Federal employee, and that he misused his official position to conduct his personal title business from his Government office during BOEM work hours.

We found that the BOEM employee violated conflict of interest statutes by engaging in Federal contracts through his private business while he was a Federal employee. Although the employee had obtained approval for outside employment involving his personal title business, those approving officials were unaware that the employee's company engaged in business with the Federal government. As a result of our investigation, BOEM ethics officials have engaged the employee to ensure there are no current conflicts of interest associated with his outside employment.

We also found that the employee's involvement in personal business matters during BOEM working hours had been addressed previously by BOEM management in accordance with the bureau's policies and procedures.

This is a summary of an investigative report we provided to BOEM for information.

