III. GLOSSARY OF TERMS’ COMMON MEANINGS*

**accuracy**-the quality or state of being accurate or exact; precision

**bribery**- *bribe*: anything, especially money, given or promised to induce a person to do something illegal or wrong; anything given or promised to induce a person to do something against his wishes; *bribery*: the giving, offering or taking of bribes

**candor**- frankness of expression; sincerity; straightforwardness; freedom from prejudice; impartiality; “see synonyms for truth”

**cheat(ing)**- a fraud; swindle; deception; sham; a person who defrauds, deceives, or tricks others; swindler; to deceive by trickery; defraud; swindle; to fool; beguile; to foil; elude; escape; to practice fraud or deception; behave dishonestly or unfaithfully

**civility**- politic behavior; politeness; courtesy; consideration; a polite act or utterance

**competence**- the state of being capable or competent; skill, ability, sufficient means

**compliance**- (comply, v)- to act in accordance with a command, request, rule, wish, or the like; used with with

**confidential**- told in confidence; imparted in secret; of or showing confidence; entrusted with private or secret matters

**conflict of interest**- a conflict between one’s obligation to the public good and one’s self-interest, as in the case of a public officeholder who owns stock in a company seeking government contracts; *conflict*: a sharp disagreement or collision in interests, ideas…and emphasizes the process rather than the end

**creed**- a brief statement of religious belief; confession of faith; a statement of belief, principles, or opinions on any subject

**defamation**- calumny; slander or libel

**deliberate(ly)**- to take careful thought; reflect; to consult with another or others as a process in reaching a decision; to consider (a matter) by carefully weighing alternatives or the like

**dignity**—the presence of poise and self-respect to one’s deportment to a degree that inspires respect; inherent nobility and worth; the respect and honor associated with an important position
diligent- persevering and careful in work; hardworking; done with careful, steady effort; painstaking

disclose- to uncover; bring into the open; to reveal; make known

discrimination- a discriminating; making or perceiving differences and distinctions; the ability to make or perceive distinctions; perception; discernment; a showing of difference or favoritism in treatment

equity- fairness; impartiality; justice; anything that is fair or equitable; in law, justice applied in circumstances not covered by law, a system of jurisprudence supplementing common law, or an equitable right or claim

ethic- a principle of right or good conduct, or a body of such principles; from ethos (Greek) meaning moral custom; ethical---pertaining to, or dealing with ethics; in accordance with the accepted principles of right or wrong governing the conduct of a group

fair/fairness—just and honest, impartial, unprejudicial; according to the rules; straight, squarely, straight-forward

faithful (faithfulness)- keeping faith; worthy of trust; honest; loyal; reliable; dependable; accurate, exact, true

foresee(able)- to see or know beforehand; anticipate; envision

freedom (free)- able to act or think without compulsion or arbitrary action; having liberty; independent; living under a government or set of laws that does not impose arbitrary restrictions; clear of obstructions; open and unimpeded; not held or confined by bias; etc [many more]

harassment- from harass: to trouble, worry or torment, as with cares, debts, repeated questions, etc; (military) constant raids or attacks

harm- injury or damage; wrong, evil

honesty—the capacity or condition of being honest; honest; integrity; trustworthiness, sincerity

honorable- having or showing a sense of right and wrong; characterized by honesty and integrity; upright; bringing honor to the owner or doer

impartiality—freedom from favoritism, bias or prejudice; impartial attitude or treatment; fairness; justice

impropriety—the quality of being improper; improper action or behavior
integrity - the quality or state of being complete; unbroken condition; wholeness; entirety; the quality or state of being unimpaired; soundness; the quality or state of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty and sincerity; SYN see honesty

judgment - a judging; deciding; a legal decision; order or sentence given by a judge or law court; a debt resulting from a court order; a misfortune looked on as a punishment from God; an opinion or estimate; criticism or censure; the ability to come to opinions of things; power of comparing and deciding; understanding; good sense

lie - to make a statement that one knows is false, especially with intent to deceive; to make such statements habitually; to give a false impression; deceive one; to bring, put, accomplish, etc., by lying; a false statement or action, especially one made with intent to deceive; anything that gives or is meant to give a false impression; the charge of lying; a false statement or piece of information presented as being true; a falsehood

malice - active ill will; desire to harm others or do mischief; spite; in law, evil intent; state of mind shown by intention to do, or intentional doing of, something unlawful

objective - of or having to do with a known or perceived object as distinguished from something existing only in the mind of the subject, or person thinking; being, or regarded as being, independent of the mind; real; actual; determined by and emphasizing the features and characteristics of the object, or thing dealt with, rather than the thoughts, feelings, etc. of the artist, writer or speaker; without bias or prejudice; detached; impersonal; being the aim or goal

personal - of or peculiar to a certain person; private; individual; done in person or by oneself without the use of another person or outside agency; of the person, body, or physical appearance; having to do with the character, personality, intimate affairs, conduct, etc. of a certain person; tending to make remarks, or be inquisitive, about the private affairs of others; of, like, or having the nature of a person, or rational, self-conscious being

plagiarize - to take and pass off as one’s own (the ideas, writings, etc., of another); to take ideas, writings, etc. from and pass them off as one’s own

privacy - away from public view, secluded; the quality or condition of being private

professional - of, related to, engaged in, or suitable for a profession; engaged in a specific activity as a source of livelihood; performed by persons receiving pay; having great skill or experience in a particular field or activity

prudent - capable of exercising sound judgment in practical matters; cautious or discreet in conduct; circumspect; not rash; SYN: see careful
reasonable-able to reason; amenable to reason; just; not extreme; sensible; sane; within the bounds of common sense; not expensive

respect- to feel or show honor or esteem for; consider or treat with deference or courtesy; to show consideration for; avoid intruding upon or molesting; to concern, relate

responsibility- the state, quality or fact of being responsible; a thing or person that one is answerable for; a duty, obligation, or burden

safety- freedom from danger, risk or injury

slander- the utterance of defamatory statements injurious to the reputation or well-being of a person; a malicious statement or report

steal- the act of intentionally taking or appropriating the property of another without consent or permission and with the intent to keep or use the property without the permission of the owner [DUK- includes the intellectual property of another]

trust—firm belief or confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability, justice, etc. of another person or thing; faith; reliance; confident expectation, anticipation or hope, as have trust in the future; the fact of having confidence placed in one or the responsibility or obligation resulting from this; to hope, to expect

truthful-telling the truth; presenting the facts; veracious; honest; corresponding with fact or reality

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