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OGE Issues DAEOgram on Increased Gifts and Travel Reimbursements Reporting Thresholds

OGE issued [DAEOgram DO-02-021](#) ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)) dated September 27, 2002 announcing increased thresholds, retroactive to January 1, 2002, for the reporting of gifts, reimbursements and travel expenses on public and confidential financial disclosure reports.

Remarks to the IEC by OGE Director Amy L. Comstock Now Available

On Thursday, September 5, 2002, Director Amy L. Comstock gave a presentation to the Interagency Ethics Council in which she talked about current projects and future initiatives of OGE, as well as some of the large challenges that the ethics program faces. Her remarks on the "State of OGE" are now available in the [Forms and Publications](#) section of this web site.

OGE Announces the Availability of the Ethics News and Information Email List Service

The Office of Government Ethics is pleased to announce the availability of the Ethics News and Information email list service. The Ethics News and Information e-mail list service is OGE's primary medium for communicating with the ethics community. OGE uses the list to provide DAEOgrams, program review schedules, quarterly publication of advisory opinions, announcements for training courses and the annual conference, vacancy announcements timely reminders of relevant report deadlines, publication of relevant federal register notices, appropriate policy decisions and other information that OGE deems appropriate.

To join the list click on <http://listserv.access.gpo.gov/archives/oge-ethicsinfo-l.html> or go to the [GPO's website](#) and click on the link to GPOLISTSERV. Subscriptions will be restricted to government employees and military personnel. You can obtain additional information about the OGE Ethics News and Information email list as well as other available services on the [Ethics Community Services](#) pages of this website. Any questions regarding this new service should be directed to Barbara Mullen-Roth at bamullen@oge.gov.

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OGE Seeks Instructional Systems Specialist, GS-1750-12/13 (Closed)

The incumbent(s) will serve as the Instructional Systems Specialist for the Office of Government Ethics. Please see [Vacancy Announcement Number 02-013](#) ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#)) for more information.

Introductory Ethics Courses Offered in Washington, DC

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) will conduct two free introductory ethics courses at OGE in Washington, DC on September 26. Please see [DAEOgram DT-02-020](#) ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)) dated August 15, 2002 for course title, time and course description. For more information, including registration forms for this course, please visit our [Training Workshops & Seminars](#) section.

OGE Issues DAEOgram on Technical Amendments to Regulations Governing Filing Extensions and Late Filing Fee Waivers

OGE issued [DAEOgram DO-02-019](#) ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)), a final rule amending the regulations governing the granting of filing extensions and late filing fee waivers under the public financial disclosure system.

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Draft OGE Information Quality Guidelines

Section 515 of the Treasury & General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law No.106-554) requires each Federal agency to publish guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information it disseminates to the public. In compliance with this statutory requirement and OMB instructions, OGE invited public comments on its [draft guidelines](#). The comment period expired August 30, 2002.

OGE Seeks Special Assistant, GS-301-07 (Closed)

This position is located in the Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, U.S. Office of Government Ethics. The incumbent will serve as the Special Assistant to the General Counsel. Please see [Vacancy Announcement Number 02-012](#) ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#)) for more information.

OGE Issues DAEOgram on 18 U.S.C. § 205 Advice and Counseling

OGE issued [DAEOgram DO-02-018](#) ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)) to emphasize that 18 U.S.C. § 205, which prohibits an employee from serving as agent or attorney before the Government on behalf of another person, is not implicated by an employee's service as an officer or otherwise in an outside organization when that service does not include such representational activity.

OGE Seeks Program Analyst (Finance), GS-343-07 (Closed)

This position is located in the Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Please see [Vacancy Announcement Number 02-011](#) ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#)) for more information.

OGE Issues DAEOgram on Program Plan for Agency Reviews

OGE issued **DAEOgram DO-02-017** ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)) on the **program plan of agency ethics reviews** ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)) scheduled by the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) for the second six months of calendar year 2002

OGE Provides Guidance on 18 U.S.C. § 209

DAEOgram DO-02-016 ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)) dated July 1, 2002 provides **guidance** ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#)) on 18 U.S.C. § 209, which prohibits the supplementation of a Government employee's salary by outside sources. This, and other ethics guidance, can be found in the [Other Ethics Guidance](#) section of our web site.

OGE Publishes Federal Register Notice of Conflicts Law Review/Comment Period

Late last month OGE published in the Federal Register a notice inviting comments from the public and agencies concerning any recommendations for changes to the criminal conflict of interest laws in 18 U.S.C. 202-209 in connection with a review thereof which OGE is conducting. See **67 FR 43321 (06/27/02)** ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#) - [TXT](#)), with any comments due to OGE by July 29, 2002. This and other Federal Register notices issued by OGE can be found in the **Law and Regulations** [Federal Register Issuances](#) section of our web site.

OGE Seeks Government Ethics Specialist, GS-301-14 (Closed)

The incumbent of this position will serve as a Senior Desk Officer in the Office of Agency Programs, U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Please see **Vacancy Announcement Number 02-010** ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#)) for more information.

OGE Seeks Information Technology Specialist (Security), GS-2210-13 (Closed)

The incumbent of this position will serve as the Security Officer for the Office of Government Ethics. Please see **Vacancy Announcement Number 02-009** ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#)) for more information.

OGE Seeks Attorney-Advisor (General), GS-905-14/15 (Closed)

This position is located in the Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Please see **Vacancy Announcement Number 02-008** ([PDF](#) - [HTML](#)) for more information.

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