Conflict of Interest Policy
BIPS Certification Decisions

If a committee or a council member has a conflict of interest with a program seeking certification, the member should recuse him/herself immediately from voting or having any kind of input on the decision-making regarding the certification of the program.

(A) A conflict of interest exists when the member of the Council or BIPS Committee:

(1) Is an applicant;

(2) Is a Current or former employee within the past three years of the applicant or the program seeking certification;

(3) Is a competitor of the program seeking certification;

(4) Has a financial interest in the program seeking certification. A person has a financial interest if the person has directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

i. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the organization has a transaction or arrangement,

ii. A compensation arrangement with the organization or with any entity or individual with which the organization has a transaction or arrangement,

iii. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

(5) Has a personal interest in the program seeking certification that would influence the application process.

(B) If the program or applicant seeking certification believes that a conflict of interest exists, the program or applicant shall have thirty (30) days to set forth this conflict in writing to the Executive Committee of the Council. Otherwise, the conflict is deemed waived.