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The Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, requires senior officials in the executive, legislative and judicial branches to file public reports of their finances as well as other interests outside the Government. Executive branch personnel file such reports using the OGE Form 278e (previously the OGE Form 278) and the OGE Form 278-T. Unlike confidential financial statements filed by some mid-level employees, the [OGE Form 278e](#) and the [OGE Form 278-T](#) are available to the public.

Reviewing officials within each agency certify and maintain these reports. Agencies do, however, forward reports of Presidential appointees confirmed by the Senate and certain other reports to OGE for additional review and certification. Although a financial disclosure report sometimes reveals a violation of law or regulation, the primary purpose of disclosure is to assist agencies in identifying potential conflicts of interest between a filer's official duties and the filer's private financial interests and affiliations. If a reviewing official identifies a potential conflict of interest, several remedies are available to avoid an actual or apparent violation of Federal ethics laws and regulations.

**Integrity**

Integrity is an electronic financial disclosure system for preventing conflicts of interest.

**OGE Form 278-T**

The [OGE Form 278-T](#) is used by employees within the executive branch who must file public periodic transaction reports.

**OGE Form 278e**

The versions of the [OGE Form 278e](#), the Public Financial Disclosure Report, available on the OGE website are for employees of those agencies that do not offer electronic filing.

**Public Financial Disclosure Guide**

The Public Financial Disclosure Guide is an interactive tool to assist individuals who file or review public financial disclosure reports (OGE Form 278e or OGE Form 278-T).

**Helpful Resources for Public Financial Disclosure**

OGE has developed numerous materials to assist both the employees who are required to file public financial disclosure reports and the ethics officials responsible for reviewing the forms.

**OGE Form 278e (PDF version)**

This PDF is a 508 compliant version of the executive branch public financial disclosure report.

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