

## 3.901 Definitions.

As used in this subpart-

*Abuse of authority* means an arbitrary and capricious exercise of authority that is inconsistent with the mission of the *executive agency* concerned or the successful performance of a contract of such agency.

*Authorized official of the Department of Justice* means any person responsible for the investigation, enforcement, or prosecution of any law or regulation.

*Inspector General* means an *Inspector General* appointed under chapter 4 of title 5 of the *United States Code* and any *Inspector General* that receives funding from, or has oversight over contracts awarded for, or on behalf of, the *executive agency* concerned. This definition does not apply to 3.907.

*Internal confidentiality agreement or statement* means a confidentiality agreement or any other written statement that the contractor requires any of its employees or *subcontractors* to sign regarding nondisclosure of contractor information, except that it does not include confidentiality agreements arising out of civil litigation or confidentiality agreements that contractor employees or *subcontractors* sign at the behest of a *Federal agency*.

*Subcontract* means any contract as defined in [subpart 2.1](#) entered into by a *subcontractor* to furnish *supplies* or services for performance of a prime contract or a *subcontract*. It includes but is not limited to *purchase orders*, and changes and modifications to *purchase orders*.

*Subcontractor* means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm (including a consultant) that furnishes *supplies* or services to or for a prime contractor or another *subcontractor*.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 3.9 - Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees](#)