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SUBJECT: Common Training Curriculum for Protecting Whistleblowers with Access to Classified Information

On 27 October 2015, the Open Government Partnership issued the Third Open Government National Action Plan. As part of the National Action Plan, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) committed to develop a common whistleblower training curriculum that can be adopted by all Federal agencies covered under Presidential Policy Directive 19 (PPD-19), Protecting Whistleblowers with Access to Classified Information. In coordination with both government stakeholders and civil society, ODNI developed a four-part training curriculum to ensure that all Executive Branch employees and contractors with access to classified information are aware of their responsibility to report allegations of wrongdoing and the protections afforded to them if they do.

This training curriculum is being provided as a resource. Your agency should customize the training, as appropriate, to suit your agency’s whistleblower training program. The training curriculum covers disclosure procedures, applicable protections from unlawful retaliation for protected disclosures, and best practices for managers and supervisors. For agencies with additional whistleblower protections, such as protections under Title 5 of the United States Code, this training should be considered supplemental to existing whistleblower training and resources.

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