

Ethics Tip of the Month

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Commercial solicitation and the CFD

The activities of the Washington State Combined Fund Drive (CFD) cannot result in the direct commercial solicitation of state employees or a benefit or advantage that would violate the Ethics Act.



This means that while state agencies may allow the de minimis use of state resources for CFD activities, in doing so, they may not send out e-mails or post flyers that identify a particular business that is offering discounts to state employees and provide a link to that business' website.

What agencies **can do** is to let their employees know that discounts can be found on the official Washington State CFD website and provide a link to that website.

Please refer to Advisory Opinion 02-02A for more information regarding solicitation for charitable organizations.