

## **DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO FALSE CLAIMS ACT**

### **DC Code § 2-381.01**

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Division I. Government of District.  
Title 2. Government Administration.  
Chapter 3B. Other Procurement Matters.  
Subchapter I. Procurement Related Claims.

#### **§ 2-381.01. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this subchapter, the term:

(1) “Claim” means any request or demand for money, property, or services made to any employee, officer, or agent of the District, or to any contractor, grantee, or other recipient, whether under contract or not, if any portion of the money, property, or services requested or demanded issued from, or was provided by, the District, or if the District will reimburse such contractor, grantee, or other recipient for any portion of the money or property which is requested or demanded.

(2) “Fixed obligation” means an amount due the District by contract or by law. The term “fixed obligation” does not include a fine to be imposed by law until the fine has been assessed.

(3)(A) “Knowing” or “knowingly” means that a person, with respect to information, does any of the following:

- (i) Has actual knowledge of the falsity of the information;
- (ii) Acts in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the information; or
- (iii) Acts in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information.

(B) Proof of specific intent to defraud is not required for an act to be knowing.

(4) “Person” includes any natural person, corporation, firm, association, organization, partnership, business, or trust.

(5) “Proceeds” means civil penalties as well as double or treble damages as provided in § 2-381.02, and criminal fines pursuant to § 2-381.09.

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