

**U. S. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS**  
**JUSTIFICATION FOR A NONMATERIAL/NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE**  
**EXECUTIVE BRANCH QUALIFIED TRUST MODEL CERTIFICATES AND MODEL TRUST**  
**DOCUMENTS**  
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The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is the supervising ethics office for the executive branch under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (EIGA). Accordingly, OGE administers the qualified trust program for the executive branch. Presidential nominees to executive branch positions subject to Senate confirmation and any other executive branch officials may seek OGE approval for EIGA-qualified blind or diversified trusts as one means to be used to avoid conflicts of interest. The requirements for EIGA-qualified blind and diversified trusts are set forth in the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. 13104(f), and OGE's implementing financial disclosure regulations at subpart D of 5 CFR part 2634. To ensure that all applicable requirements are met, OGE is the sponsoring agency for 12 model certificates and model trust documents for qualified blind and diversified trusts. The various model certificates and model trust documents are utilized by settlors, trustees, and other fiduciaries in establishing and administering these qualified trusts.

OGE seeks to make two types nonsubstantive changes to the set of model documents. First, OGE also proposes updating all statutory citations to the EIGA based on the recent recodification of that statute. Second, because OGE has moved its offices as of the beginning of February, 2024, OGE proposes updating its address wherever it appears in the model documents.

This changes will have no effect on the burden to filers.