



## **UNITED STATES ACCREDITATION BOARD**

### **CONSULTANCY AND CERTIFICATION**

Certifying Bodies, including their sub-contractors shall ensure that their activities do not affect the confidentiality, objectivity or impartiality of its certifications / registrations and shall not offer or provide:

- ❖ Those services that it certifies / registers others to perform.
- ❖ Consulting services to obtain or maintain certification / registration.
- ❖ Services to design, implement or maintain quality systems.
- ❖ Solutions of a specific managerial, operational or technical nature.

Consultancy is considered to be participation in an active and creative manner in the development of a quality assurance system that is to be assessed by a Certification Body, for example: -

- ❖ Preparing or producing manuals, handbooks or procedures
- ❖ Participating in the decision-making process regarding management system matters
- ❖ Giving specific advice toward the development and implementation of management systems for eventual certification.

Certifying Bodies may, without reward, introduce providers of consultancy and related services to clients.

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