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## ALERT: New federal government guidance on accessing or downloading classified information

### To all personnel of Deloitte LLP and its subsidiaries

In the wake of the recent WikiLeaks disclosures of U.S. classified information, the U.S. Office of Management & Budget (OMB) and the Department of Defense (DoD) published guidance that prohibits federal government employees and federal contractor personnel from accessing the WikiLeaks Web site to view or download classified information. As federal contractors, the Deloitte U.S. Firms and their professionals are obligated to protect the integrity of classified information.

This notice is designed to facilitate compliance with the OMB and DoD guidance. All personnel should note the following:

- Despite the unauthorized public disclosure by WikiLeaks, the information disclosed retains its classified status. The decision to remove classified status must be rendered by a government classification authority. In short, the information remains classified in spite of any public disclosure.
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You should not attempt to access the classified information on the WikiLeaks Web site or any related Web site. If you previously visited the WikiLeaks Web site or any related Web site to view or download classified information, you should immediately report a "Federal DOS Incident" via 1 800 Deloitte (option 5).

If you possess a security clearance, keep in mind that you are personally obligated to uphold the requirements for appropriate handling and dissemination of classified information, as outlined in your respective Classified Information Non-Disclosure Statement.

If you have any questions, please send them by e-mail to [Peter Clay](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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