

DHS's full response:

"In line with the Administration's commitment to accountable and lawful government operations, DHS takes all ethics and procurement integrity obligations seriously and strictly follows the laws, regulations, and safeguards governing federal contracting.

Antoine McCord is not a Warranted Contracting Officer and therefore has no authority to sign DHS contracts. Further, while DHS has contracts with Anduril, those contracts are not with the Office of the Chief Information Officer or the Office of Biometric Identity Management.

Consistent with federal ethics law, Mr. McCord properly disclosed his financial interests upon assuming the Chief Information Officer role in March 2025 and obtained appropriate ethics guidance. The financial conflict of interest rule prohibits federal employees from participating "personally and substantially" in any "particular matter" that would directly and predictably affect their financial interests. Mr. McCord has complied with this requirement by recusing himself from DHS matters affecting Anduril's financial interests, when appropriate.

DHS procurement decisions are made by authorized federal contracting officials and are conducted in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation, DHS acquisition policies, and applicable procurement integrity requirements. DHS follows established processes to ensure procurements are fair, competitive, merit-based, and fully compliant with law."