

# Procurement Going Forward—Today's Questions for Tomorrow's Challenges

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Today's ubiquitous **promise of change** is surely the harbinger of new and difficult challenges tomorrow. Federal procurement will continue to be at or near the center of the Government's attempts to deal with foreign threats and domestic crises. What **legislative and regulatory initiatives** may be expected with a **new administration** as it attempts to bring change to solving **old problems** and resolving **new concerns**? How will contractors deal with attention to heightened **concern for environmental responsibility** and with **mandatory disclosure requirements**? How will international procurement be affected by the changed **economic environment, both in the U.S. and abroad**? In short, in a changing world, this 15th Annual Federal Procurement Institute asks the question: "**Where is federal procurement "going"?**"

Jointly sponsored by the ABA Section of Public Contract Law and the National Contract Management Association, our "going forward" panels will seek to identify the **trends**, spot the **pitfalls**, and suggest **solutions** for tomorrow based on today's most informed and **experienced thinking**. Among the topics and questions they will cover:

- **Transatlantic culture clashes** amidst rapidly converging procurement markets
- Beyond ESPC, where and what is **green on the procurement horizon**?
- **Task order bid protests** in a changed world at GAO
- The **costs of compliance**: new oversight and accountability legislation
- Whether and when to conduct an **internal investigation**
- Where is **the attorney-client privilege under pressure**?

In addition, a **panel of judges** and distinguished senior practitioners will discuss the current state of procurement law at the courts, and a **two-hour panel on ethical issues** in our changing world will help many practitioners meet their **state bar's mandatory ethics training** requirements.

**Optional events** include a Wednesday evening Practicum on the **new FAR Mandatory Disclosure Rule and its implementation** and the Thursday Construction Luncheon Program on the **future for U.S.-funded construction**.

On **Saturday, March 7**, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the Council will meet in open session where a number of action and information items will open the window on legislation, regulatory, and other substantive issues of current interest and importance to government contract practitioners.

**Put this meeting on your "don't miss" calendar. Register now to take advantage of the discounted rate.**

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