

Exposing Corruption Exploring Solutions

Project On Government Oversight

Contracting Resources and Publicly Available Information*

Acquisition Advisory Panel – This Panel reviews and makes recommendations for improvement to the federal contracting process. <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html>

Acquisition Central – A website for the acquisition community and others interested in federal contract spending. <http://www.acquisition.gov/>

Air Force General Counsel's Contractor Responsibility Website – This site includes links to the Air Force General Counsel's Fraud Facts Newsletters and to information about recent debarments. <http://www.safgc.hq.af.mil/organizations/gcr/index.asp>

American Bar Association (ABA) – The ABA is a membership organization; nevertheless, it has a few contract law sections that might be helpful.

Public Contract Law Section – <http://www.abanet.org/contract/home.html>

Government and Public Sector Lawyers' Section – <http://www.abanet.org/govpub/home.html>

Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA) – This Board considers and determines appeals by Department of Defense (DoD) contractors involving federal contracting disputes. <http://docs.law.gwu.edu/asbca/default.htm>

Army Suspension and Debarment & Procurement Fraud Website – The Army's fraud fights website.

[https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/852570180059EE93/\(JAGCNETDocID\)/HOME?OPENDOCUMENT](https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/852570180059EE93/(JAGCNETDocID)/HOME?OPENDOCUMENT)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) – The online CFDA provides access to a database of all federal grant programs. <http://www.cfda.gov/>

Center for Public Integrity – This nonprofit organization is dedicated to producing original, responsible investigative journalism on issues of public concern. Its "Research Tools" include information on Iraq and Afghanistan contractors, Pentagon contractors, and Private Military companies. <http://www.publicintegrity.org/tools.aspx>

* For current links and updates, please visit our website at <http://www.pogo.org/investigations/contract-oversight/federal-contracting-resources.html>

Center for Veterans Enterprise (VetBiz) – VetBiz is a Veterans Resource Information website designed to assist veteran entrepreneurs who want to start and expand their businesses in the federal and private marketplace. <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) – Search a database of federal contractors. <http://www.ccr.gov/>

Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA) – The Board hears and decides contract disputes between government contractors and executive agencies. <http://www.cbca.gsa.gov/>

Congressional Research Service (CRS) – Although you might have access to CRS reports, there are times when a report may not be available to you. If you have trouble finding a CRS report, try Open CRS. <http://opencrs.net/>

Defense Acquisition University (DAU) – DAU offers a collection of contracting resources as well as online training for government employees, including congressional employees. <http://www.dau.mil/>

Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) – DCAA is responsible for performing all contract audits for the DoD and many civilian agencies. <http://www.dcaa.mil/>

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) – DCMA is responsible for ensuring federal acquisition programs, supplies, and services are delivered on time, within cost, and to performance requirements. <http://www.dcma.mil/>

Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) – DoD's supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/index.htm>

Department of Defense Information

Contracting data – <http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/procurement/Procurement.html>

Defense Technical Information Center program descriptions – <http://www.dtic.mil/>

DoD Comptroller's Budget – <http://www.defenselink.mil/comptroller/defbudget>

Office of Operational Test and Evaluation – <http://www.dote.osd.mil/>

Personnel data – <http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/MMIDHOME.HTM>

Select Acquisition Reports (SARs) – <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ara/am/sar/>

Statistical Information Analysis Division – <http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/>

Department of Justice

U. S. Attorneys Offices Contact Information – <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/offices/index.html>

FOIA Guides and Contacts – <http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/index.html>

Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) – eSRS gathers information on federal subcontracting plans, accomplishments, and performance. While this site is not publicly available, congressional staff may be able to gain access. <http://www.esrs.gov/>

Earmark Database – The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) created an earmark database providing information on earmarks. <http://earmarks.omb.gov/>

Excluded Parties List – This is the list of individuals and contractors prohibited, for a specified time period, from receiving future government contracts. A search can be performed for current or archived individuals and contractors. <http://www.epls.gov/>

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) – The rule book for awarding and administering federal contracts. <http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

Federal Agency FAR Supplements

DoD – <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/index.htm>

All other agencies – http://www.acquisition.gov/agency_supp_regs.cfm

Federal Agency Registration (FedReg) – All government agencies that engage in buying or selling goods or services to other federal agencies are required to register in the FedReg databasc. <https://www.bpn.gov/far/>

Federal Assistance Award Data System (FAADS) – FAADS is run by the U.S. Census Bureau and produces a file of standardized data records on all types of financial assistance awards (including grants) made by federal agencies to all types of recipients during the indicated quarter. <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/faads.html>

Federal Business Opportunities – FedBizOpps.gov is the single government point-of-entry for federal government procurement opportunities (current and archived) over \$25,000. This site lists the requests for proposals, solicitations, and notices that keep contractors in the loop about future business opportunities. <https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=list&tab=list>

Federal Election Commission (FEC) – Campaign finance disclosures by recipient and donor. <http://www.fec.gov/>

Federal Procurement Data System Next Generation (FPDS-NG) – You have to register to access this list of federal contracts, but bare-bones contract information is included. <https://www.fpds.gov/>

Federal Spending Information – This website is the result of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), created by Senators Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Barack Obama (D-IL) to add transparency to government federal contracts and grants. <http://www.usaspending.gov/> or <http://www.fedspending.gov/>

Fedspending.org – This is OMB Watch’s free, searchable database of federal government spending on contracts and grants. Search by contractor, congressional district, agency, or place of performance. <http://www.fedspending.org/>

Federal Statutes, Legislation, and Regulations

Library of Congress – <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Government Printing Office – <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>

Fedstats – This is an easy one-stop access to statistical information from more than 100 agencies. It's broken down by state and/or agency and includes links to government databases. <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

General Services Administration (GSA) – GSA's mission is to help other agencies better serve the public by meeting their needs for products and services, and to simplify citizen access to government information and services. <http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/home.do?tabId=0>

General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) – Also known as the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation System, this system provides GSA's supplement to the FAR. <http://www.acquisition.gov/gsam/current/html/GSAMTOC.html>

George Washington University Law School Procurement & Government Contract Law Resources – This compilation of web resources is an attempt to bring together in one place as many relevant links as possible.

http://docs.law.gwu.edu/burns/research/tools/Government_Contracts_Research_Guide.pdf

Global Computer Enterprises, Inc. (<http://www.ffata.org>) – A user-friendly portal to federal contract and grant information, provided by the contractor that operates the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). This site permits easy internet-like keyword searches for data contained in the FPDS. The site is a supplement to <http://www.fedspending.org> and <http://www.fedspending.gov>.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – Don't reinvent the wheel; see what investigations have already been conducted. <http://www.gao.gov/>

Government Accountability Office (GAO) Bid Protests – The Comptroller General, the head of the GAO, issues decisions in various areas of federal law, including bid protests by contractors that challenge federal contract awards. <http://www.gao.gov/legal.htm>

Grants.gov – This is the place to find and apply for federal grants. <http://www.grants.gov/>

Inspectors General – Find out what's happening with the two IG councils—the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE)—or with any IG office. <http://www.ignet.gov/> and <http://www.ignet.gov/igs/homepage1.html>

Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program – This program seeks to provide employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the federal government. <http://www.jwod.gov/jwod/index.html>

Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) – OFPP is in the Office of Management and Budget, and plays a central role in shaping the policies and practices federal agencies use to acquire the goods and services they need to carry out their responsibilities (including A-76/outsourcing policies). <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/index.html>

Office of Government Ethics (OGE) – This site provides information about conflicts of interest and ethics issues. <http://www.usoge.gov/>

Statutes – http://www.usoge.gov/laws_regs/statutes.aspx

Regulations – http://www.usoge.gov/laws_regs/regulations/regulations.aspx

Agency Supplemental Regs. – http://www.usoge.gov/laws_regs/agency_supp_standards.aspx

Office of Personnel Management (OPM) – This site includes federal jobs listings, upcoming events, numerous human resources reports, news releases, and additional official information. <http://www.opm.gov/flsa/oca/09tables/indexGS.asp>

Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) – This is the temporary federal agency serving as a watchdog for fraud, waste, and abuse of funds intended for Iraq reconstruction programs. <http://www.sigir.mil/Default.aspx>

Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) – ORCA is an e-government initiative that was designed by the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) to replace the paper based Representations and Certifications (Reps and Certs) process. <https://orca.bpn.gov/>

Open Secrets – A great resource to locate federal campaign contributions and disbursements for candidates, political action committees (PACS), and lobbying disclosures. <http://www.opensecrets.org/>

Pacer (Federal Judiciary) – This site provides access to U.S. District, Appellate, and Bankruptcy court records. This site requires registration and has a per-page charge. <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/>

Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) – PPIRS is a web-enabled, government-wide application that provides timely and pertinent contractor past performance information to the federal acquisition community for use in making source selection decisions. <http://www.ppirs.gov/>

Project On Government Oversight (POGO) – <http://www.pogo.org/>

Contract Oversight Index – <http://www.pogo.org/investigations/contract-oversight/>

Federal Contractor Misconduct Database – <http://www.contractormisconduct.org/>

Blog – <http://pogoblog.typepad.com/>

PubKLaw – This site is dedicated to providing Federal Public Contract Law News of interest to attorneys and other procurement professionals. <http://www.pubklaw.com/>

Recovery Accountability and Transparency – The federal government’s website that lets the public figure out where the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is going, including to which states, to which congressional districts, and federal contractors.
<http://www.recovery.gov/>

Schedules e-Library – This site is where you find the latest GSA and Veterans Administration (VA) schedules and Government Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWAC) (the catalog of commercial goods and services that the government can buy at pre-established prices). The Schedules e-Library is updated daily to provide you with the latest award information.
<http://www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov/ElibMain/ElibHome>

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) – The SEC houses information that can be accessed by the public and investors. Many times, information filed in a company’s SEC filings can tell you about legal entanglements or other corporate misconduct.
<http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html>

Senate Office of Public Records – In accordance with the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, the Secretary of the Senate has initiated this program to allow the public to view filings received by the Office of Public Records.
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/g_three_sections_with_teasers/lobbyingdisc.htm

Taxpayers for Common Sense – This nonprofit group provides budget information, including earmark databases. <http://www.taxpayer.net/>

Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) – Comprehensive federal data about trends related to the enforcement activities of the federal government. <http://trac.syr.edu/>

United States Court of Federal Claims (USCFC) – This federal court hears claims against the United States government. <http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/>

Wage Determinations OnLine (WDOL) – This website provides a single location for federal contracting officers to obtain appropriate Service Contract Act (SCA) and Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) wage determinations (WDs) for each official contract action. <http://www.wdol.gov/>

Where in Federal Contracting – This is an exchange by people who care about federal contracting. If you click on the “Wifcon Forum” link to the right, you can access hundreds of discussions about contracting. <http://www.wifcon.com/>