



Government Contracts

Vandeventer Black's Government Contracts attorneys team with our clients to help them achieve their business vision and goals. Our mission is to provide excellent, innovative, and cost effective legal services for our clients, and in fulfilling that mission we bring our team's wide array of practical and legal Government Contracts experiences to our legal services.

Government Contracts involve a maze of federal, state and local statutory requirements and regulations that are often daunting in breadth and complexity. We understand that providing products and services to federal, state, and local Government customers is a complex business, and our Government Contracts attorneys are prepared to help guide our clients with a focus on finding practical business solutions.

We have assisted clients with Government Contracts ranging from small business supply and service contracts to worldwide logistics and technology contracts, as well as various types of construction and repair contracts. Whether the work or services are performed for local, state, or federal agencies, we can assemble the best team to address the issue. We are one of the largest Government Contracts law practices in the region.

While we provide a full array of services to our clients in the Government Contracts area, some of our core services include advice regarding:

- The application of federal, state, and local procurement statutes, ordinances, and regulations, including the Contract Disputes Act, the Service Contract Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulations, the Defense Acquisition Regulations, state Public Procurement Acts and the regulations of individual federal, state and local agencies.
- Acquisition planning, contract methods and types (including Public Private Partnerships, fixed price, cost reimbursement, time and material, design-bid-build and design-build contracting), contracting requirements, special categories of contracting, contract management, and actions relating to procurement processes such as corrections of mistakes, protests, and suspension or debarment proceedings.
- Contract performance, including change proposals, contract modifications, termination proposals, claim preparation and negotiation, surety and bond claims and defenses as well as resolution of unavoidable contract disputes in the courts, boards of contract appeals or through alternative dispute resolution.
- Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, Cost Accounting Standards, Defense Contract Agency audits, and other accounting issues.
- Employment and labor related requirements for contracts, including application of the Walsh-Healey, Davis-Bacon and Service Contract acts, other work hours, payment and related acts, and safety standards or citations under both OSHA and related state standards.
- Ethics and procurement integrity issues including preparation, implementation and teaching compliance programs, and assistance in defending claims arising from alleged fraud, kick-backs, false claims, qui tam actions, and other civil and criminal fraud related proceedings.



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- Socioeconomic program issues including small business applications, certifications, size determinations, certificates of competency and compliance reviews related to minority, woman, veteran, native American and HUBZone business concerns.
- Contract negotiations and preparations, including memoranda of understanding, teaming agreements, joint ventures and subcontracts, as well as basic business document planning and preparation, including bylaws, shareholder agreements, minutes, operating agreements, record retention plans and other such requirements.

We have assisted clients in varied business lines , including construction, military communications, manpower staffing, information technology, computer technology, computer security, facility security, science technology, janitorial and facilities maintenance, aircraft service and maintenance, storage and warehousing, architectural and engineering services, environmental services, ship construction and repair, laboratory operations, animal care, and many other areas. Our clients include local, regional, national, and international companies from small to large.

While disputes are an unfortunate aspect of many Government Contracts, we focus on preventive law to help our clients evaluate risks, and avoid disputes, or for those risks and disputes that cannot be avoided we help identify them early to develop prompt, effective and cost-efficient solutions. Our training and internal assessments improve our clients' business processes, and, when needed, we provide in-the-field assessments and advice to identify issues and formulate solutions.

Our team members include veteran attorneys with practical experiences in project costing, scheduling, and management, holding related degrees and registrations, including civil, mechanical, and chemical engineers and an architect, and trained and certified mediators and arbitrators. Our Government Contracts attorneys are licensed in many states, including Virginia, North Carolina, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, California, and Hawaii, and we have handled Government Contracts matters throughout the country.

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