

COVID-19 And The Federal Government Contracting Impact

Complimentary Webinar

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AGENDA

Helpful Links
Speaker Introductions

[Government / Legal / Public Affairs / Finance / Procurement]

Speaker Insight
Questions
Wrap Up





Federal Business Opportunities:

Using Beta.SAM.gov with keyword search "COVID"

SOURCES SOUGHT – RFI – RFP – RFQ

Medical Equipment - ventilators (VA),

Medical Equipment - respirators (HHS),

Medical R&D (DoD/Army)

COVID Screening (DOI)

Disinfection Services (DOD/Navy)

Prototype Development (DOD/Army)

Air Filtration (The VA)

Remediation Services (DOD/Army)

Personal Protective Equipment (DOD/DLA)

Medical Support Services (DOD/USAF)

Construction Hotel to Patient Care Facility (DOD/Army)

Industry Assistance (TSA) – designated email





Complimentary FAR Webinar (Series):

FAR Part 18 - Emergency Acquisitions

Complementary Webinar

Date: May 1st, 2020

Time: 12pm EST

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8974761864083266571

FAR SERIES LINK:

https://www.jenniferschaus.com/far-sighted-2020





SBA:

https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/



U.S. Small Business Administration





DHS / FEMA Defense Production Act:

https://www.fema.gov/defense-production-act-overview







DHS / CISA Critical Infrastructure Workforce:

https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce







IRS Tax Relief:

https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus







GSA Activities:

https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/emergency-response/covid19-coronavirus







DOL/OSHA COVID-19 And The Workplace:

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery







DOD Corona Virus - DOD Response

https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/







OMB Memo M-20-18 Managing Federal Contract Performance:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/M-20-18.pdf







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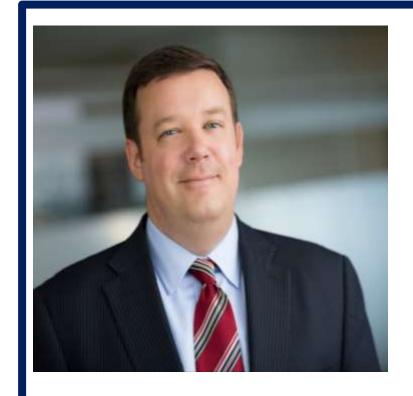
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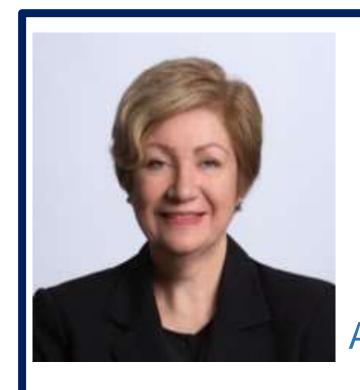




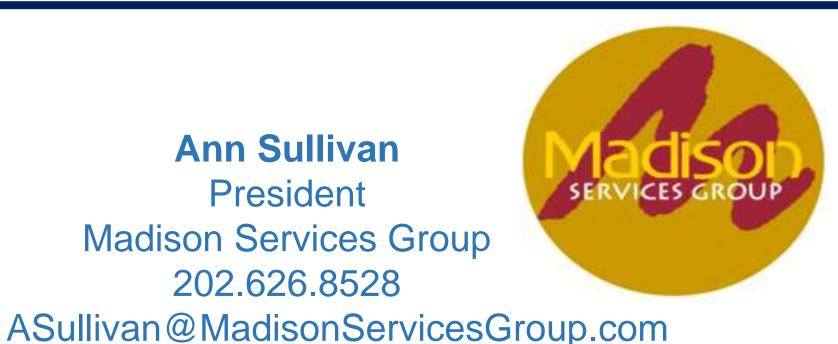
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QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC





1 - It seems that federal programs for employers with greater than 500 employees is where federal financial programs stop. Are there any programs that apply to the larger companies...especially those with large blue collar workers unable to telework?

Roderick Johnson – Government







2 - Will all COVID-19 EIDL loans will be on a 30 year term? Roderick Johnson - Government







3 - What happens if your company is currently losing money? Does SBA check your credit rating or just assist you? What is the process to file for financial assistance?

Roderick Johnson – Government







4 - We plan to apply for the business interruption loan relief program, but have some questions re; the structure of the loan. Specifically, how do these loans work with existing loans or lines of credit currently in place? Do these gov't loans require a 1st position in business assets? Do they require owner personal guarantees? It would seem these loans would need to work in conjunction w/ existing business loans, but I do not see details on the required loan structure.

Roderick Johnson – Government







5 - Will EIDL loans be forgiven in the future?

Roderick Johnson - Government







6 - Will all COVID-19 EIDL loans will be 12 months no interest and no payments and 6 months of operating expenses?

Roderick Johnson - Government







7 - I would like to know about the impact to Service Contract Act contractors and their employees, particularly AbilityOne (SourceAmerica) contractors?

Tony Anikeeff – Legal







8 - What legal rights do I have as an employer to keep my employees from doing discretionary travel?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







9 - Can we request a clearance to return to work from their doctor?

 $Jody\ Reed-Legal$







10 - How do you anticipate the stock market performing the remainder of the year?

Clarence Goldsborough – Finance/Banking







11 - If our contractors are told to stay home...can/how we still get paid?

Ann Sullivan-Public Affairs







12 - Can I claim compensation from the Govt for having 0 zero income and being a woman and minority owned small biz owner? If so how?

William Randolph – Procurement







13 - We're still trying to get a grasp on how COVID-19 is impacting the overall acquisition environment. What should we be doing right now to protect and retain our current contracts and is there a way to position for additional revenue from a business development perspective?

Joshua Frank - Procurement







14 - Is the Government liable to finding alternate work resources to ensure small businesses can maintain their contractors.

Jerry McGinn – Procurement







15 - Will the contract opportunities be for supply chain and improving processes or more for materials and masks? Do you also foresee opportunities for medical staffing?

Judy Bradt - Procurement



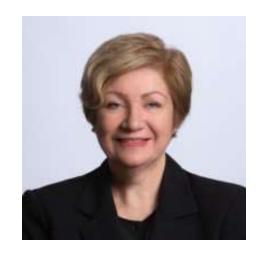




16 - What are we responsible for as a company (business owner) when it comes to our employees?

Ann Sullivan – Public Affairs

Tony Anikeeff – Legal









17 - Do I have any legal authority to require employees to disclose all travel to us, sick relatives, etc. (so we can fulfill reporting requirements to our respective contracting offices?)

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







18 - As a Federal General Contractor, we have ongoing Small Business set-aside contracts/projects in many different states such as GA, NC, FL, and VA. Our corporate HQ is in VA. So far as of today's date, none of our contracts have been suspended; however, in case one or more do get suspended in different states, what is the process for us to apply for disaster relief? Additionally, if the area that our project (and base) is located is not declared a disaster area yet the project gets suspended, can we apply for relief for those project-level and associated corporate staff that will be affected?

Tony Anikeeff - Legal







19 - As an employer with a facility that has over 150 full time employees working, what can I do if one of these employees tests positive for the virus, is sent home for the 14 quarantine day period and now wants to come back to work?

Can I request that he/she bring a doctor's note saying they are free of the virus?

Jody Reed - Legal







20 - If an employee contracts the virus that has the capability to work remote with no additional action needed by the company, and the company does not allow the employee to work remote, is that considered negligence?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







21 - How will the stimulus package impact Gov Con companies financially?

Clarence Goldsborough – Finance/Banking







22 - If employees have no sick time do we have to pay them anyway due to Federal order?

Ann Sullivan – Public Affairs







23 - Can we request a doctor's note to prove an employee had the virus?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







24 - This law is effective 4/2/20, does that mean people can't charge to the leave before that date?

William Randolph – Procurement







25 - Can we only apply for those employees that are billable to a customer if you are a staffing firm?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







26 - Our company sells products. Half of our products are BAA compliant and the other half are not. Is there any chance we could sell the products that are not BAA compliant? What about our other products that are not an exact match to the product specifications for products the government buys today?

Joshua Frank - Procurement







27 - How do we roll out the new paid time off and sick leave law?

 $Jody \: Reed-Legal$







28 - In an effort to protect our workforce, can we require mandatory temperature testing of all employees prior to entering the facility?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







29 - Will most of the procurement opportunities be at the state and local level? What departments within federal and what departments within state and local will see the most dollars?

Jerry McGinn - Procurement







30 - For Federal, Firm Fixed Price, multi-year contracts, what is the likelihood of being able to claim for extended overhead?

 $Jody \ Reed-Legal$







31 - Should we assume DOL will have the required poster?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







32 - Will the Government find additional funding to cover increased costs due to lower direct base resulting in higher indirect rates?

Jody Reed – Legal







33 - Can the Expanded FMLA be used intermittently?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







34 - How does the Sovereign Act come into play with Federal, Military, FFP contracts?

One of our contracts is invoking this clause for a DOD FFP contract.

Tony Anikeeff – Legal







35 - What is the optimal strategy to protect one's self against these market downturns?

Clarence Goldsborough – Finance/Banking







36 - What happens if our workforce comes down with positive tests for Coronavirus and we can't complete the project on time?

Judy Bradt – Procurement











37 - We are working on Mission Critical projects and have been directed to continue working for our military projects.

In the event our personnel get sick as a result, what liability does an employer have?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







38 - Does the Government plan a national public service campaign? There are mixed message out there re social distancing 10 people or 50 people.

Who would be the lead agency to develop this campaign because it seems that CDC is being sidelined? this legislation provide for such a campaign?

William Randolph – Procurement







39 - If a prime contractor operates in a state that has an executive order shutting down non-life-essential businesses but the government facility in which the prime contractor remains open, will the contractor be in default if the contractor does not provide the support/labor as required by the contract or does the state executive order / law trump the federal government industrial military complex staying open?

Jerry McGinn – Procurement







40 - If the government does not issue a stop order and due to the COVID-19 there is no work to perform, should the contractor continue to charge the contract, maybe via a "idle" charge code for the time the employees are ready and available to perform the contract as otherwise required? For example on-site repair personnel who have a 365/24 contract that have nothing to repair since the facility may have closed due to the COVID-19. If not, would this then lead to a possible claim?

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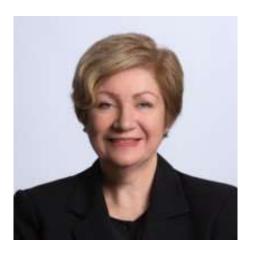






41 - Congress is in the process of finalizing COVID-19 response legislation. What's the latest?

Ann Sullivan – Public Affairs







42 - Cold calls or new approaches may be counterproductive for business development in this climate. Are there any specific tips on approaching COR/Client for pursuing mission-critical sole source contracts? Please discuss any relevant FAR Clauses.

Judy Bradt - Procurement

Tony Anikeeff – Legal









43 - For employers with more than 500 employees, if the Company elects to offer paid Family Leave and/or Sick Leave to those employees as required under the Families First Coronavirus Act for Companies under 500 employees, is there any potential to submit for an equitable adjustment where tax credits would not be applicable?

Jody Reed – Legal







44 - My company is 8(a) certified. The Small Business Administration (SBA) is allowing my company to voluntarily suspend our certification for up to one year.

Should I suspend my certification and what questions should I be asking to make this decision?

Joshua Frank - Procurement







45 - How does the Defense Production Act impact the government contracting community during this crisis?

Jerry McGinn – Procurement







46 - I'm an experienced federal contractor. I've got expertise, products, vehicles, and capacity. What's my first move?

Judy Bradt - Procurement

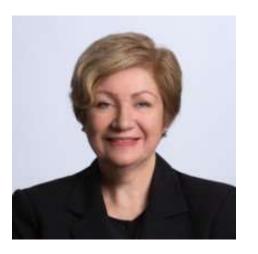






47 - How can we follow all of these legislative changes?

Ann Sullivan – Public Affairs







48 - Based on the Emergency Declaration, the Defense Production Act (DPA), the National Interest Action (NIA), and the Emergency Acquisition Flexibilities of FAR 18.2, should I be focused on the System for Award Management (beta.sam) for finding opportunities or somewhere else?

Joshua Frank - Procurement







49 - Are the various pieces of OMB, DoD, and other guidance issued during this crisis legally binding to companies?

Jerry McGinn – Procurement







50 - We've never sold to government before but we've got something that can help. We're all, like, "Put me in, Coach! I'm ready to play!" How can we help?

Judy Bradt - Procurement







51 - If a government site is closed for quarantine purposes, and essential personnel are sent home, are we entitled to any type of equitable adjustment for lost wages/revenue due to scope change?

Ann Sullivan – Public Affairs

Tony Anikeeff-Legal









52 - If a government site closing causes a delay in delivery of services or goods, are we entitled to any type of equitable adjustment for additional expenses such as storage of finished product?

Jerry McGinn – Procurement







53 - How do GOVCONs think about their marketing and relationship efforts post COVID-19?

William Randolph – Procurement

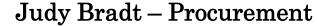






54 - How will the stimulus funding make its way to government contractors and what is the best way to secure that funding?

Where do we go? What do we need to do?









55 - How do we verify if someone qualifies to charge to the Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) and Expanded Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)?

Seth Berenzweig – Legal







56 - How do you best take of your team and lead in uncertain times?

William Randolph – Procurement







57 - What is the best way to "introduce" a new product line that would be of value to the VA Medical Centers and Military Hospitals during this pandemic.

Who to notify of this product line for greatest impact during a time of need and get approval?

Jerry McGinn - Procurement







58 - How, if at all, does the new COVID-19 environment affect terminations for standard reasons (e.g., non-performance, lack of updated qualifications, etc.)? In other words, are there any new or special employee rights that should be considered given the declaration of National and State Emergency?

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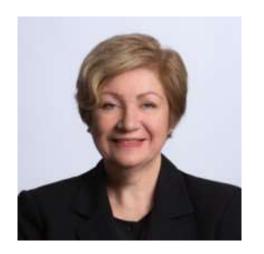






59 - Can you summarize the capital for small business sections of the relief package?

Ann Sullivan – Public Affairs







60 - I directly invest (buy stock) in alot of the Prime Contractors - ie. CACI, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed, etc. Do you foresee an uptick in the valuations of these firms in the stock market? Do you think there will be any mergers and acquisitions that result from this crisis (within the govt contracting publicly traded firms)?

Jerry McGinn - Procurement







61 - In the event the government issues a stop work order that results in a WARN triggering event, is there any recourse for the Company to submit for an equitable adjustment in the event the Company has to make remedies to employers as a result of the "unforeseen business circumstances" under WARN is not considered a valid reason for lack of notice?

Jody Reed - Legal







62 - How can I find out ways that my company can help respond to this crisis and where is the stimulus money going that will be addressable for GovCon companies?

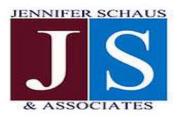
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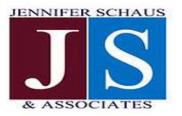


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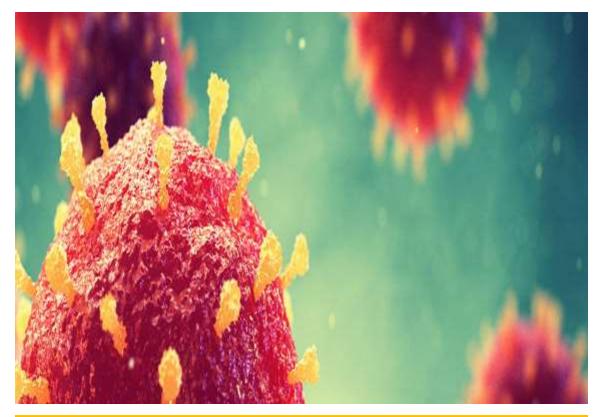
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