# Government Contract Compliance: Maximize Your Profit & Stay Out of Jail

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### **Experience**

Jerry Miles is a government contracts attorney and business consultant with experience working in-house for KBR, a large government contractor, and a large, regional law firm. In addition to being the owner of a law firm, Mr. Miles regularly advises clients on teaming agreements, joint ventures, subcontracting, government contract disputes and bid protests.

# Education William & Mary Law University of Virginia



# **Compliance**

### 1. Why Comply?

- → Reduce and Mitigate Performance Risk
- → Audits, Withholdings & Investigations
- → Civil Lawsuits and Criminal Penalties

### 2. What to Comply With?

- → Small Business Regulations
- → Flow Down ("Shall") & Reporting Requirements

### 3. How to Comply?

→ Post Award Practices, Processes & Procedures



# **Small Business Administration**

### 1. Joint Ventures:

- →Ownership (51:49) & Control
- → Affiliation: "Add 'Em Up" & 3 Awards; 2 Years
- → Work Performance: 51/49 v. 40/60?

### 2. Limitations on Subcontracting (Applies Above)

- →50% of Total Cost of Personnel on Services Contracts
- →50% of Total Cost of Manufacturing Supplies on Supply Contracts
- →15% of Total Cost of Contract (Minus Materials) w/ Its Employees



# **Small Business Administration**

- 3. New Rule- "Small Business Subcontracting Rule"
  - → Represent GF Awards to SB Subs Via SubK Plan At Bid
  - → Notify Contracting Officer When 90 Days Late In Paying SB Sub
  - → "Its Been A Long Time Coming . . . "
- 4. New Rule- "Presumed Loss" for Willful Certifications:
  - → PL- FCA Damages Calculated: Amount Paid Value of Services (0)
  - → SAM (Deemed Certification & Annual Size Re-Certification)



# Federal Acquisition Regulation

- 1. OCI- Unfair Competitive Advantage
  - → Impaired Impartiality
  - → Unequal Access to Information
  - → Biased Ground Rules
- 2. Mandatory Disclosure- Ethics & Compliance Program
- 3. TINA- "Defective Pricing": Disclose All Facts (Certified CoPD) Sig. Impact Price Negotiations



# Federal Acquisition Regulation

- 4. Anti-Bribery: Copeland Anti-kickback & FCPA
- 5. Employment:
  - → Prevailing Wages: Davis-Bacon & Service Contract Act
  - → DoL OFCCP:
    - 1. Hiring Benchmark for Veterans @7%
    - 2. Hiring Benchmark for Disabled @ 7%
    - 3. Pre-Hire Self-Identification Procedures



# **Questions?**

### **WHAT ABOUT OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT?**

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