AGC - General Services Administration (GSA) Meeting 2021 Federal Contractors Conference November 9, 2021



MEETING AGENDA

AGC – GSA 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Jason Hard Chair, AGC Federal Facilities Committee

General Services Administration

Nina Albert Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service

Andy Young Assistant Commissioner, Office of Design and Construction

Tracy Marcinowski Assistant Commissioner, Office of Acquisition Management

AGC Questions for GSA

1. Infrastructure Investment

A record-setting construction investment bill, the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, represents a critical chance to significantly invest in building and maintaining a broad range of physical infrastructure without unnecessarily burdening the construction industry with new mandates. The infrastructure bill provides significant money to GSA for infrastructure investments.

Questions:

- A. Please describe GSA plans to execute projects originating from this infrastructure bill.
- B. Will there be a preferred project delivery method? For example: For example: IDIQ programs, Design–Build, Best-Value, etc.



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C. How can AGC and GSA work together to expedite the completion of these projects?

General Questions

Open questions from the floor?

2. COVID-19

On Sept. 9, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors. This E.O. directs executive federal agencies to ensure that contracts and contract-like instruments covered by the order include a contract clause requiring the contractor and all tier subcontractors to, for the duration of the contract, comply with all guidance for contractor or subcontractor workplace locations published by the Safer Federal Workplace Task Force (Task Force). These workplace safety protocols, including COVID-19 vaccine mandates, will apply to all covered contractor employees, including employees in covered contractor workplaces who are not working on a direct federal contract or contract-like instrument. Sept. 24, the Task Force issued Guidance for Federal Contractors and Subcontractors implementing a broad vaccination mandate for direct federal contractors. Oct. 1, the FAR Council directed agencies to issue Class Deviations implementing these requirements, including a DoD Class Deviation. Currently solicitations and some contracts are required to comply, Nov. 14 all new federal contractors will comply, with a deadline of no later than Dec. 8 for covered contractor employees to be fully vaccinated.

Questions:

- A. Please describe how GSA is implementing these requirements.
- B. What direction or guidance has GSA given to Contracting Officers and Federal Contractors?
- C. What will happen if contractors must make a substitution to key personnel or subcontractors?



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3. Supply Chain and Material Costs

The unending series of supply-chain bottlenecks, as well as extreme price increases and long lead times for a variety of construction materials, threaten federal construction procurement. AGC of America has published its **Construction Inflation Alert**, a guide to inform owners, officials, and others about the cost and supply-chain challenges.

- A. What is the current and anticipated state of GSA construction projects?
- B. What are GSA expectations as it relates to changes in pricing, materials, and schedules?
- C. How can AGC and GSA work together to address the challenges?

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