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# GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS RESEARCH

## INTRODUCTION

This guide provides an introduction to research in federal government contracts law. It will identify print and online sources of statutory law, administrative law, case law, and secondary materials.

The law of federal government contracts developed as a means for contractors to redress grievances based upon the award, performance, or non-performance of their contracts with the government. As a sovereign, the United States government can be sued only with its permission. The terms of this permission are set forth in the amalgamation of executive orders, statutes, policies, regulations, court, and administrative tribunal decisions that is collectively known as government contracts or public procurement law.

As a highly specialized area of law, government contracts can seem intimidating, overwhelming, and confusing. Contributing to the confusion is the “language” of government contracts that includes not only acronyms and abbreviations, but also special meanings given to ordinary words and phrases. “Public procurement,” “government procurement,” and “public contracts” are other terms used to refer to the field. In the topical databases on LexisNexis and Westlaw, government contracts materials are organized under the topics “Public Contracts” (LexisNexis) and “Government Contracts” (Westlaw).

The basic techniques for researching federal statutes, regulations, and court decisions also apply to government contracts law. For additional information, please see the following LibGuides available from the Law Library’s web site: *Finding Federal Regulatory Resources at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/federalregulatory>), *Finding Federal Statutory Law Resources at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/statutorylaw>), *Finding Presidential Documents at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/presidentialdocs>), or *Finding Case Law at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/caselaw>).

### **To determine if a source listed in this guide is available through LexisNexis or Westlaw:**

**LexisNexis:** Select the “**Find a Source**” tab; type the source name or identifiers in the search box.

**Examples: United States Code or GENFED;USCODE**

**Westlaw:** If you are using Westlaw.com, type the name of the source in the “**Search for a database**” box. If you are using WestlawNext, type the name of the source in the WestlawNext search box and select the resource from the drop down list.

**Examples: United States Code Annotated or USCA**

## I. STARTING POINTS

Steven W. Feldman, *Government Contract Guidebook* (4th ed., West Group 2010)

The *Guidebook* provides a good, basic discussion of the principles and processes of federal government procurement.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*GCGUIDE*)
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.A85 2010-2011

*Government Contracts Reporter* (Commerce Clearing House 1962- )

The *Government Contracts Reporter* provides analysis, statutes, executive orders, federal appellate court and administrative decisions, regulations and other official documents relating to government contracts. The print is no longer updated, and has been superseded by the CCH IntelliConnect database (searchable by keyword or citation).

- **Commercial Databases**  
CCH IntelliConnect  
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*
- **Print:** HISTORIC (LL1), KF846.5.G68 (No longer updated, 1962-1998)

W. Noel Keyes, *Government Contracts Under the Federal Acquisition Regulation* (West Group 2003)

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*GCFAR*)
- **Print:** SL3, KF849.K49 2003

John Cosgrove McBride et al., *Government Contracts: Cyclopedic Guide to Law Administration, Procedure* (4th ed., Matthew Bender 1962- )

This work comprehensively covers all topics relating to government contracts. Citations to cases, statutes, and regulations are provided. It also reprints statutes with annotations, forms, and reference tables, and includes an index.

- **Commercial Databases:** LexisNexis (*MATBEN;GOVCON*)
- **Print:** SL3, KF849.M25

Ralph C. Nash, et al., *The Government Contracts Reference Book: A Comprehensive Guide to the Language of Procurement* (3rd ed., CCH 2007)

This is an excellent tool for understanding the language of procurement. Provides definitions and references to primary sources such as cases, statutes and regulations.

- **Commercial Databases**  
CCH IntelliConnect  
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*
- **Print:** READY REFERENCE and RESERVE (1ST FL), KF846.4.N37 2007

Patricia A. Tobin, et al., *Acronyms and Abbreviations in Government Contracting* (2nd ed., The George Washington University 1997)

This book explains abbreviations used in government contracts.

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Print:** SL3, KF850.A25 1997

*Glossary of Defense Acquisition Acronyms and Terms* (13th ed., Defense Acquisition University 2009)

Access a PDF version of the *Glossary: Defense Acquisition Acronyms and Terms* which contains acronyms, abbreviations, and terms commonly used in the weapon systems acquisition process within the Department of Defense and defense industries.

- **World Wide Web:** <http://www.dau.mil/pubscats/Pages/preface.aspx>

## II. STATUTES

### A. *United States Code (U.S.C.)*

Laws governing federal government contracts are found in several titles of the *United States Code*, including Title 41. These laws can found in several sources:

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1994 ed.- ): <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *United States Code*

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

HeinOnline (*United States Code*) (PDF, 1925 ed.- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;USCODE*)

Westlaw (*FGC-USCA*)

- **Print**

*United States Code (U.S.C.)* (1940 ed.- ): LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1)

*United States Code Annotated (U.S.C.A.)* (current ed.): RESERVE (1ST FL) and LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1)

*United States Code Service (U.S.C.S.)* (current ed.): LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1)

## B. Major Statutes

Listed below are some of the major statutes that affect government contracts law. Explanations and relevant public law numbers regarding these acts can be located in *The Government Contracts Reference Book: A Comprehensive Guide to the Language of Procurement* [Print: REFERENCE (1ST FL) and SL3, KF850.A25 1997].

- **Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 (ASPA)**
- **Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996**
- **Competition in Contracting Act (CICA)**
- **Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (CDA)**
- **Equal Access to Justice Act**
- **Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FASA)**
- **Federal Property and Administrative Service Act of 1949**
- **Truth in Negotiations Act (TINA)**
- **Tucker Act**

## III. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

A legislative history is a collection of Congressional documents (bills, committee hearings, committee reports, and debate) produced during the period that a piece of legislation is considered by Congress. Analysis of the legislative history of a government contracts law may provide valuable insight into what Congress intended by a particular phrase or section of the act.

Legislative history documents are available from a variety of sources, depending upon the date of enactment of the law. For detailed information on locating legislative history documents, see the *Finding Federal Legislative History Resources at Burns Law Library* Libguide (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/legislativehistory>).

Legislative history chronologies provide citations to the documents making up the legislative history of a law. Various legislative histories are available in print and can be located by searching JACOB (<http://jacob.law.gwu.edu>) using the name of the statute and the phrase “legislative history.” The following resources also provide compiled legislative histories of government contracts laws.

### ***United States Government Accountability Office Federal Legislative Histories***

Contains legislative histories compiled by the U.S. GAO. Provides access to PDFs broken down by Congressional Materials, Hearings, and Presidential Documents.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*FED-LH*) ( PDF, selected 1921-1995)

***Proquest Congressional (Commercial Database)***

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Proquest Congressional contains a number of legislative history chronologies. It also provides PDFs of relevant congressional materials.

**IV. FEDERAL ACQUISITIONS REGULATIONS (FAR), FAR SUPPLEMENTS, AND SUPERSEDED PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS**

Federal agency regulations that implement federal laws are first officially published as proposed regulations and later, as final regulations in the *Federal Register*. The most up-to-date codified version of federal acquisition regulations appear in Title 48 of the *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)*.

The current government contracts regulations are called the *Federal Acquisitions Regulations*, abbreviated as *FAR*. The *FAR* became effective on April 1, 1984 and applies to all federal executive agencies. Each agency can promulgate its own set of regulations, called supplements, which govern the procurement activities specific to that agency, but, these supplements cannot contradict or re-state the *FAR*. For example, the Defense *FAR* Supplement (*DFARS*) is issued by the Department of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration *FAR* Supplement (*NFS*) is issued by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Air Force *FAR* supplement (*AFFARS*) is issued by the Air Force Department.

Amendments to the *FAR* are issued as proposed and final regulations and are published in the *Federal Register*. The *FAR* is periodically updated by *Federal Acquisition Circulars (FACs)*.

**A. Sources for the current FAR**

**Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1**

• **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1996- )

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Code of Federal Regulations*

• **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Code of Federal Regulations*) (PDF, 1984- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;ALLFAR*) (April 1984- )

Westlaw (*FAR*) (1984- )

• **Print: RESERVE (1ST FL) (current ed.)**

**CCH IntelliConnect (Commercial Database)**

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions

***Federal Acquisition Regulation as of ... : FAR*** (CCH 1996- )

- **Print:** Current ed., RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Earlier eds., SL3, KF844.715.F43

***Federal Acquisition Regulation / Issued by the GSA, DoD, NASA*** (GPO 2005- )

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF844.715.U54 2005

**Acquisition Central:** <https://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

***West's Code of Federal Regulations Annotated: Title 48 Federal Acquisition Regulations System*** (West 2011)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF844.599. W47 2011

**B. Sources for FAR Supplements**

**Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations**

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1996- )

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > Code of Federal Regulations

Federal Acquisition Jumpstation

<http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/pub/fedproc/home.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Code of Federal Regulations*) (PDF, 1984- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;ALLFAR*) (April 1984- )

Westlaw (*FAR*) (1984- )

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) (current ed.)

**CCH IntelliConnect (Commercial Database)**

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions

**Hill Air Force Base FARSite:** <http://farsite.hill.af.mil>

## Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS)

- **World Wide Web**

Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Website

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfarspgi/current>

Beginning with the 1998 edition, the DFARS is **officially published** in electronic format only.

Hill Air Force Base FAR Site: <http://farsite.hill.af.mil>

Other Defense related FAR supplements can be found at the Hill Air Force Base FAR site.

FDsys (PDF, 1996- )

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Code of Federal Regulations*

Federal Acquisitions Jump Stations

<http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/pub/fedproc/home.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;ALLFAR*) (April 1984- )

Westlaw (*FAR*) (1984- )

## C. Sources for Proposed or Final Regulations Amending the FAR

### *Federal Register*

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1994- )

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Federal Register*

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Federal Register Library*) (PDF, 1936- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*GENFED;FEDREG*) (1970- )

Westlaw (*FR*) (1981- )

- **Print:** Current year, RESERVE (1ST FL)

### *Federal Acquisition Circulars (FAC)*

- **World Wide Web**

Acquisition Central

<https://www.acquisition.gov/FAR/facframe.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

**D. Sources for Superseded FARs and pre-FAR Regulations**

**Superseded FARs**

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Westlaw (*CCH-FARA*) (1983- )

**Superseded Procurement Regulations**

It may be necessary to research older, superseded procurement regulations. Prior to the FAR, federal government procurement was governed by various regulations. The following superseded regulations should be used when the matter in question occurred during the given time periods:

**Defense**

*Armed Services Procurement Regulations (ASPR)*

(Department of Defense) (1948-1980)

- **Print:** HISTORIC STORAGE, KF852.254 .A2 (1948 ed. – 1976 ed.)

*Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR)* (1980-1984)

- **Commercial Databases**

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;DAR*) (1981-1984)

**Civilian**

*Federal Procurement Regulations (FPR)* (General

Services Administration) (1949 – 1984)

- **Commercial Databases**

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;FPRS*) (1981-1984)

- **Print:** SL3, KF844.714 .A2 1964

**For other relevant regulations**

*Code of Federal Regulations* and the *Federal Register*

For superseded procurement regulations check the appropriate *C.F.R.* and *Federal Register* resources.

## E. FAR Cross Reference Indexes

The following sources provide cross references from section numbers of superseded procurement regulations to the corresponding sections in the current FAR and vice versa:

***Cross Index: Defense Acquisition Regulation to Federal Acquisition Regulation (DAR-FAR)*** (Department of Defense 1983)

- **Print:** SL3, KF844.715.C76 1983

***Cross Index: Federal Acquisition Regulation to Defense Acquisition Regulation (FAR-DAR)*** (Department of Defense 1983)

- **Print:** SL3, KF844.715.C762 1983

***Cross Index: Federal Acquisition Regulation to Federal Procurement Regulations (FAR-FPR)*** (CCH 1984)

- **Print:** SL3, KF844.715.C763 1983

***Cross Index: Federal Procurement Regulations to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FPR-FAR)*** (Government Services Administration 1983)

- **Print:** SL3, KF844.715.C764 1983

## V. FEDERAL COURT & AGENCY DECISIONS

In federal government contracts law, decisions are rendered by federal courts, mainly the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. Court of Federal Claims (previously the U.S. Claims Court and U.S. Court of Claims), and U.S. District Courts. Other administrative tribunals, like agency Boards of Contract Appeals and the Comptroller General of the United States, also issue opinions. In addition to the usual reporters for federal cases, such as *U.S. Reports*, *Federal Reporter*, etc., specialized reporters are available. For more information on locating federal court decisions see the *Finding Case Law at Burns Law Library* Libguide (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/caselaw>).

### A. Specialized Reporters

#### 1. *Federal Claims Reporter (Fed. Cl.)* (1992- )

Contains decisions of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

- **Commercial Databases**

LexisNexis (*GENFED; CLAIMS*)

Westlaw (*FGC-FEDCL*)

- **Print:** SL2, KF125.C55

2. ***United States Claims Court Reporter (Cl. Ct.)*** (1983-1992)

Contains decisions of the U.S. Claims Court.

- **Commercial Databases**

LexisNexis (*GENFED;CLAIMS*)

Westlaw (*FGC-FEDCL*)

- **Print:** SL2, KF125.C55

3. ***Court of Claims Reports (Ct. Cl.)*** (1863-1957) and ***United States Court of Claims Reports (Ct. Cl.)*** (1958-1982)

Covers cases from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (1956-1982), and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims (1863-1982).

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Federal Agency Documents, Decisions & Appeals*) (PDF, 1863-1982 )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions

LexisNexis (*GENFED;CLAIMS*)

Westlaw (*FGC-FEDCL*)

- **Print:** SL2, KF125.C5

4. ***Contract Cases Federal (CCF)*** (1942-1998)

Decisions from U.S. courts of appeals, claims courts, and district courts.

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect (1946- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions

- **Print:** HISTORIC (LL2), KF846.5 G676

5. ***Federal Procurement Decisions (FPD)*** (1982-1999)

Contains decisions from U.S. courts of appeals and claims courts.

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect (1946- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions

- **Print:** HISTORIC STORAGE, KF845.A2 F435

## B. Administrative Tribunals

Prior to January 6, 2007, the Comptroller General (Comp. Gen.) and individual agency boards of contract appeals were the main administrative tribunals for hearing contracting disputes. On January 6, 2007, all civilian agency boards were merged to form the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals. This board and the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA) hear disputes relating to the awarding of bids and the performance of government contracts.

### 1. Decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States

#### *Comptroller General's Procurement Decisions (CPD)* (1958-)

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (CG)
- **Print:** SL3, KF846.A2 U54

#### *Decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States*

- **World Wide Web**  
Government Accountability Office (selected PDF, 1894- )  
<http://www.gao.gov/legal/decisions.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect (1986- )  
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database  
Subscriptions

HeinOnline (*U.S. Federal Agency Documents, Decisions & Appeals*) (PDF, 1921-1994)  
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database  
Subscriptions

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;COMGEN*) (1921- )

LLMC Digital (PDF, 1921-1994)  
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database  
Subscriptions

Westlaw (CG) (1921- )

- **Print:** HISTORIC STORAGE, KF6236.A558 (1921-1994)

## 2. Boards of Contract Appeals Decisions

- **World Wide Web**

Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals: <http://www.asbca.mil>

Civilian Board of Contract Appeals: <http://www.cbca.gsa.gov>

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect (1956- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*PUBCON;ALLBCA*)

Westlaw (*FGC-BCA*)

- **Print**

*Board of Contract Appeals Decisions (BCA)* (CCH) (1956-2005):  
SL3, KF846.A2 A7

## VI. CITATORS

Government contracts cases, statutes, and regulations may be Shepardized on LexisNexis or KeyCited on Westlaw. Citing references in both Shepard's and KeyCite include cases and law journal articles. Other citators are listed below:

*Government Contracts Citator* (West Group 1958- )

Use the *Government Contracts Citator* to update court decisions and decisions of the Comptroller General and Boards of Contract Appeals.

- **Print:** SL3, KF841.A575 G68

**CCH IntelliConnect (Commercial Database)**

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

## VII. SELECTED TREATISES AND REFERENCE WORKS

The following titles provide in-depth analysis of different areas of government contracts law. Additional materials can be located by searching JACOB, the Library's catalog:

<http://jacob.law.gwu.edu>

Lane K. Anderson, *Accounting for Government Contracts: Cost Accounting Standards* (Matthew Bender 1981- )

- **Commercial Databases:** LexisNexis (*MATBEN;ACCTGC*)

John T. Boese, *Civil False Claims and Qui Tam Actions* (3rd ed. Aspen 2006- )

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Westlaw (*CCH-CFCQTA*)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.B523

John Cibinic, Jr., Ralph C. Nash, Jr., & James F. Nagle, *Administration of Government Contracts* (4th ed., The George Washington University/CCH 2006)

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) and SL3, KF849.C52 2006

John Cibinic, Jr. & Ralph C. Nash, Jr., *Cost-Reimbursement Contracting* (3rd ed., The George Washington University/CCH 2004)

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) and SL3, KF849.C525 2004

John Cibinic, Jr. & Ralph C. Nash, Jr., *Formation of Government Contracts* (3rd ed., The George Washington University 1998)

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) and SL3, KF849.C528 1998

Stephen W. Feldman, *Government Contracts in a Nutshell* (5th ed., Thomson/West 2011)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF850.K49 2011

*Government Contract Law: The Deskbook for Procurement Professionals* (3rd ed., Section on Public Contract Law, American Bar Association 2007)

- **Print:** SL3, KF849.G587 2007

Peter S. Latham, *Government Contract Disputes* (2nd ed., Federal Publications 1991)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.L38 1991

Karen Manos, *Government Contract Costs and Pricing* (2nd ed., West 2009)

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*GC-COSTS*)
- **Print:** SL3, KF849.M337 2009

McKenna, Long & Aldridge LLP & Ronald A. Kienlen, *Government Contract Disputes* (2010-2011 ed., West 2010)

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*GOVDISP*)
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849 .G583 2010

Ralph C. Nash, Jr., John Cibinic, Jr. & Karen R. O'Brien-DeBakey, *Competitive Negotiation: The Source Selection Process* (3rd ed., CCH 2011)

- **Commercial Databases**  
CCH IntelliConnect  
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) and SL3, KF849.N297 2011

Ralph C. Nash, Jr. & Steven W. Feldman, *Government Contract Changes* (3rd ed., Thomson/West 2007)

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*CHANGES*)
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.N3 2007

Paul A. Shnitzer, *Government Contract Bidding* (3rd ed., Federal Publications 1992)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.S48 1992

## VIII. NEWSLETTERS AND JOURNALS

Listed below are major newsletters and journals published in the area of federal government contracts law. Newsletters provide current information on cases, legislation, and regulations. Journals generally contain articles that provide in-depth analysis of procurement law issues. Many of these journals can be found on HeinOnline via the library's catalog, JACOB (<http://jacob.law.gwu.edu>).

## A. Newsletters

### *Westlaw Journal Government Contract*

Biweekly publication that reports on ongoing procurement litigation and reproduces associated documents.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*WJGOVC*)
- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF851.A3 D44

### *Federal Contracts Report* (BNA)

Weekly newsletter covering major developments in government contracts law. Indexed has tables of cases, and regulatory and legislative activities.

- **Commercial Databases**  
BNA Electronic Subscriptions  
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database Subscriptions  
LexisNexis (*BNA;FDCONT*) (1982- )  
  
Westlaw (*BNA-FCR*) (1986- )

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF849.A1 B85

### *The Government Contractor*

A weekly newsletter focusing on the legal developments in federal procurement such as legislation, cases and decisions, rules and regulations.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*GOVTCONT*) (1987- )
- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF844.73.G68

### *Federal Acquisition Report*

A monthly periodical that provides guidance on best practices in federal contracting through analysis of court, board, and GAO decisions as well as issues relating to alternative dispute resolution, written by practitioners.

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF842.F43

### *The Nash & Cibinic Report*

A monthly periodical that provides analysis of government contracts topics by Professor Ralph Nash. An index is provided.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*NASHCIBINIC*) (1987- )
- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF849.N37

***The Procurement Lawyer*** (Section of Public Contract Law, ABA)

A quarterly newsletter for Section members that provides information about current developments in federal, state and local government procurement.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Law Journal Library*) (PDF, 1965- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Westlaw (*PROCLAW*) (1998- )

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF849.A1 P8

**B. Journals**

***Briefing Papers***

A monthly journal that provides in-depth articles on varying topics in government contracts. It has a topical index and includes a year in review supplement that discusses significant changes in government contract law for the preceding year.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*BRPAPERS*) (1992- )

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF842.B74 (1986- )

***Federal Circuit Bar Journal*** (Federal Circuit Bar Association)

A quarterly review of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Law Journal Library*) (PDF, 1991- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Westlaw (*FEDCBBJ*)

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, LL2, K6.E34

***Journal of Public Procurement***

“A scholarly journal sponsored by the National Institute of Government Purchasing, Inc., the General Services Administration, The UNDP/Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office, and Florida Atlantic University Public Procurement Research Center.”

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, LL2, K10.O795 (2001- )

***Public Contract Law Journal*** (Section of Public Contract Law, ABA)

Scholarly journal published quarterly, in cooperation with The George Washington University Law School. It has a separate index volume.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Law Journal Library*) (PDF, 1967- )

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*ABA;PCLJ*) (Winter 1994/1995- )

Westlaw (*PUBCONLJ*) (1982- )

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, LL2, K16.U25

***Public Procurement Law Review***

Bimonthly publication that provides a guide public procurement in Europe and serves a forum for debate on procurement law and practice.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*PPLR*)

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, LL2, K16.U2743 (1992- )

## IX. CURRENT AWARENESS RESOURCES

A great way to stay current or to develop paper topics, the below resources allow for email delivery of their articles or current awareness newsletters.

**CCH IntelliConnect Tracker News (Commercial Database)**

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

***Federal Contracts Report*** (BNA)

- **Commercial Databases**

BNA Electronic Subscriptions

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*BNA;FDCONT*) (1982- )

Westlaw (*BNA-FCR*) (1986- )

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF849.A1 B85

**Law360 (Commercial Database)**

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

## X. SELECTED WEB SITES

**Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy:** <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap>

The official online source for Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) as of 1998. (Functions best in Internet Explorer.)

**Acquisition Central:** <https://www.acquisition.gov>

Maintained by Integrated Acquisition Environment, this site links provides OFPP Policy Letters, Best Practices, and other information helpful to the government contracting community.

**Federal Acquisition Jumpstation:** <http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/pub/fedproc/home.html>

This site links to various federal agencies' procurement Web sites.

**Defense Acquisition Portal:** <https://dap.dau.mil/Pages/Default.aspx>

As the primary reference tool for the Defense Acquisition, Technology & Logistics workforce (AT&L), this site links together information and resources from various disciplines into an integrated information resource.

**WIFCON.com:** <http://www.wifcon.com>

Provides links to federal contracting, state contracting, and grant and cooperative agreements Web sites.

**FAPIIS:** <http://www.ppirs.gov/fapiis.html>

The Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System contains information on contractor debarments and suspensions, in addition to civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings.

**USAspending.gov:** <http://usaspending.gov>

Office of Management and Budget site that provides information regarding each Federal award, including grants. Contains entity information, amount of the award, and the location.

**Federal Procurement Data System:** [https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng\\_cms](https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng_cms)

Provides information on all contracts with estimated values over \$3,000. Supplies information to USAspending.gov regarding procurement data.