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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.

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: *Government Contracts Resources at Burns Law Library* (<http://www.law.gwu.libguides.com/govk>), or *Federal Regulatory Resources at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/federalregulatory>), *Federal Statutory Law Resources at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/statutorylaw>), *Presidential Documents at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/presidentialdocs>), or *Case Law at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/caselaw>).

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Lexis Advance: Select “Browse Sources” and enter the name of the source in the “Search Sources” box.

Westlaw Classic: Enter the name of the source in the “Search for a database” box.

WestlawNext: Enter the name of the source in the search box at the top of the page and select the source from the list.

To obtain Bloomberg Law, Lexis, or Westlaw credentials, email eservices@law.gwu.edu and include your GWid number.

I. STARTING POINTS

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

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

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.A85 2012-2013

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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>
- **Print:** HISTORIC (LL2), KF846.5.G68 (No longer updated, 1962-1998)

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

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw
- **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
- **Print:** SL3, KF849.M25

Ralph C. Nash, et al., *The Government Contracts Reference Book: A Comprehensive Guide to the Language of Procurement* (4th ed., CCH 2013)

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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF847.5.N37 2013

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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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

Glossary of Defense Acquisition Acronyms and Terms (14th ed., Defense Acquisition University 2011)

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. Major Statutes

Listed below are the 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), KF847.5.N37 2013].

- **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**

B. *United States Code (U.S.C.)*

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

- **World Wide Web**

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

- **Commercial Databases**

Bloomberg Law (*Legislative & Regulatory* > *U.S. Code*)

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis

Westlaw

- **Print**

United States Code (U.S.C.) (current 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)

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 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 *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 (PDF, selective 1921-1995)

ProQuest Congressional & ProQuest Legislative Insight

Provides access to legislative history materials, including congressional reports, documents, prints, and hearings in PDF. Also includes reports from the Congressional Research Service and the Government Accountability Office.

- <http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

IV. FEDERAL ACQUISITIONS REGULATION (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 system of regulations for government contracts is the Federal Acquisition Regulations System, which became effective on April 1, 1984. The primary document in the FAR System is the *Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)*, which 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 restate or contradict 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.

Federal Acquisitions Circulars (FACs) revise, amend, and update the *FAR*. They are published in the *Federal Register* for a notice and comment period. *FACs* are numbered

sequentially and correspond to the FAR edition they update. For example, FAC 90-3 would refer to the 1990 edition of the FAR and the third FAC released under that edition.

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**

Bloomberg Law (*Legislative & Regulatory* > *Code of Federal Regulations*)

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

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis (April 1984-)

Westlaw (1984-)

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

CCH IntelliConnect (Commercial Database)

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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

- **Print:** Current ed., RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Earlier eds., HISTORIC (LL2), KF844.715.F43

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

- **Acquisition Central:** <https://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF844.715.U54 2005

***West's Code of Federal Regulations Annotated: Title 48, Federal Acquisition Regulations System* (West 2013)**

- **Print:** Current ed., RESERVE (1ST FL); Earlier ed., SL3, KF844.599. W47

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>

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

- **Commercial Databases**

Bloomberg Law (*Legislative & Regulatory > Code of Federal Regulations*)

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis (April 1984-)

Westlaw (1984-)

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

Department of 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 FARSite: <http://farsite.hill.af.mil>

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

FDsys (PDF, 1996-)

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

- **Commercial Databases**

Bloomberg Law (*Legislative & Regulatory > Code of Federal Regulations*)

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis (April 1984-)

Westlaw (1984-)

C. Sources for Proposed or Final Regulations Amending the FAR

Federal Acquisition Circulars (FACs)

- **World Wide Web**
Acquisition Central
<https://www.acquisition.gov/FAR/facframe.html>
- **Commercial Databases**
CCH IntelliConnect
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Federal Register

- **World Wide Web**
FDsys (PDF, 1994-)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Federal Register*
- **Commercial Databases**
Bloomberg Law (*Legislative & Regulatory > Search Federal Register*) (1999-)

HeinOnline (*Federal Register Library*) (PDF, 1936-)
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis (1936-)

Westlaw (1981-)
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) (current year)

D. Sources for Superseded FARs and pre-FAR Regulations

It may be necessary to research older, superseded procurement regulations. Prior to the FAR, federal government procurement was governed by various regulations. When searching for superseded procurement regulations in LexisNexis use Lexis.com, for Westlaw utilize Westlaw Classic. The following superseded regulations should be used when the matter in question occurred during a specific time period:

Superseded FARs

- **Commercial Databases**
CCH IntelliConnect
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Superseded Procurement Regulations

Defense

Armed Services Procurement Regulation (ASPR)

(Department of Defense) (1948-1978)

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

Defense Acquisition Regulation (DAR) (1978-1984)

- **Commercial Databases**
LexisNexis (1981-1984)

Civilian

Federal Procurement Regulations (FPR) (General Services Administration) (1949 – 1984)

- **Commercial Databases**
LexisNexis (1981-1984)
- **Print:** HISTORIC (LL2), KF844.714 .A2 1964

For other relevant regulations

Code of Federal Regulations & 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:** HISTORIC (LL2), KF844.715.C76 1983

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

- **Print:** HISTORIC (LL2), KF844.715.C762 1983

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

- **Print:** HISTORIC (LL2), KF844.715.C763 1983

Cross Index: Federal Procurement Regulations to Federal Acquisition

Regulation (FPR-FAR) (Government Services Administration 1983)

- **Print:** HISTORIC (LL2), 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. 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 *Case Law Resources at Burns Law Library* LibGuide (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/caselaw>).

A. Specialized Federal Court Reporters

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

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

- **Commercial Databases**

Bloomberg Law (*Search & Browse > Court Opinions*)

LexisNexis

Westlaw

- **Print:** SL3, KF125.C55

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

Contains decisions of the U.S. Claims Court.

- **Commercial Databases**

LexisNexis

Westlaw

- **Print:** SL3, 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**

Bloomberg Law (*Search & Browse > Court Opinions*)

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

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis

Westlaw

- **Print:** SL3, 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 (1956-)
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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

5. ***Federal Court Procurement Decisions (FPD)*** (1982-1999)
Contains decisions from U.S. courts of appeals and claims courts.

- **Commercial Databases**
CCH IntelliConnect (1946-)
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

- **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

Decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States

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

- **Commercial Databases**
CCH IntelliConnect (1986-)
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

HeinOnline (*U.S. Federal Agency Documents, Decisions & Appeals*) (PDF, 1921-1994)
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis (1921-)

LLMC Digital (PDF, 1921-1994)
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Westlaw (1921-)

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

- **Commercial Databases**

Lexis

Westlaw

- **Print:** SL3, KF846.A2 U54

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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis

Westlaw

- **Print**

Board of Contract Appeals Decisions (BCA) (CCH) (1956-2005):
SL3, KF853.3.A2 A

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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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 (<http://jacob.law.gwu.edu>), the Library's catalog.

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

- **Commercial Databases:** LexisNexis

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

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

- **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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

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

John Cibinic, Jr. & Ralph C. Nash, Jr., *Formation of Government Contracts* (4th ed., The George Washington University/CCH 2011)

- **Commercial Databases**

CCH IntelliConnect

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.C528 2011
Stephen W. Feldman & W. Noel Keyes, *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

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

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw
- **Print:** SL3, KF849.M337 2009

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

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw
- **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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>
- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL), KF849.N297 2011

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

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

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.

A. Newsletters

Westlaw Journal Government Contract

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

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

Federal Contracts Report (Bloomberg BNA)

Weekly newsletter covering developments in government contracts law.

- **Commercial Databases**
Bloomberg BNA Electronic Subscriptions
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Bloomberg Law (*Legal Analysis & News > BNA Law Reports*)

- **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/decisions, and rules/regulations.

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

Federal Acquisition Report

Monthly periodical written by practitioners describing best practices in federal

contracting through analysis of court, board, and GAO decisions as well as issues relating to alternative dispute resolution.

- **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.

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

The Procurement Lawyer

ABA quarterly newsletter on current developments in federal, state and local government procurement.

- **Commercial Databases**
HeinOnline (*Law Journal Library*) (PDF, 1965-)
<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Westlaw (1998-)
- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL)
Older issues, SL3, KF849.A1 P8

B. Journals

Briefing Papers

Monthly journal of in-depth articles on topics in government contracts including a topical index and “Year in Review” supplement that discusses significant changes in government contract law from the preceding year.

- **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (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://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Westlaw (1991-)

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

Journal of Contract Management

Published annually by the National Contract Management Association.

- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, SL3, KF842.C67

Journal of Public Procurement

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.

- **Commercial Databases**

ABI/INFORM Complete (PDF, 2001-)

<http://www.library.gwu.edu/> > Journals

Academic Search Complete (PDF, 2005-)

<http://www.library.gwu.edu/> > Journals

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

Public Contract Law Journal

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

- **Commercial Databases**

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

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

LexisNexis (Winter 1994/1995-)

Westlaw (1982-)

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

Public Procurement Law Review

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

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

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

IX. CURRENT AWARENESS RESOURCES

CCH IntelliConnect Tracker News (Commercial Database)

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Federal Contracts Report (Bloomberg BNA)

- **Commercial Databases**

Bloomberg BNA Electronic Subscriptions

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

Bloomberg Law (*Legal Analysis & News > BNA Law Reports*)

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

Law360 (Commercial Database)

<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/databases>

X. SELECTED WEB SITES

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

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

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 integrated information resource brings together information and resources from various disciplines.

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

Beginning in 1998, the website is the official online source for Department of Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS).

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

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

FAPIIS: <http://www.fapiis.gov/fapiis/index.jsp>

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

Federal Procurement Data System: <https://www.fpds.gov>

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

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

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

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

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