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# Compliance Tips & Tools for 8(a) and Small Business Government Contractors

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Additional Information

| Learning Objective  To provide government contractors with a comprehensive toolkit for maintaining compliance. | Instructional Delivery Methods Group Internet-based  |
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### **Topics**

- 1. Annual Budget & Projected Indirect Rates
- 2. Annual Financial Statement Requirements of 8a Participants
- 3. System Considerations
- 4. Free Tools to Identify Federal Opportunities
- 5. Closing and Q&A









- DCAA "Demand" Letter for yearly PBRs
  - o Projected / forecasted indirect rates for upcoming fiscal year
  - o Usually if you have mix of CPFF contracts
- The need for an annual budget
  - o Forecasts indirect rates for upcoming year
  - o The auditors will want to see both the prior year PBR and the prior year indirect rate submission.





- What if DCAA does not require PBRs
  - o Your contract mix may be fixed price / T&M, with no CPFF contracts
  - o You are only a subcontractor to prime government contractors
- Reasons for Forecasted Indirect Rates based on Annual Budget
  - 1. Annual budget is important to view your revenues and expenses from a 20,000 foot strategic view
    - Personnel required to perform contracts or support indirect functions
    - Financial resources needed, i.e. cash flow and year-end tax planning
    - The expense "roadmap" by G/L account, by contract, by labor distribution, direct and indirect cost, segregating and understanding impact of unallowable expenses



- 2. Prepare indirect rates from direct and indirect costs to view end-of-year rate
- 3. Build annual budget monthly to replace projected months with actual monthly data to ascertain the changing indirect rates at year-end
- 4. If your mix is fixed price / T&M, higher burdens than expected could result in losses
  - Caution: "Guess-timating" indirect rates can cause problems
  - Article on Indirect Rates: <a href="https://www.grfcpa.com/resource/strategies-for-indirect-cost-recovery-for-fixed-price-government-contractors/">https://www.grfcpa.com/resource/strategies-for-indirect-cost-recovery-for-fixed-price-government-contractors/</a>







### **Polling Question #1**

Are you struggling in forecasting your indirect rates for each upcoming fiscal year?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Unsure





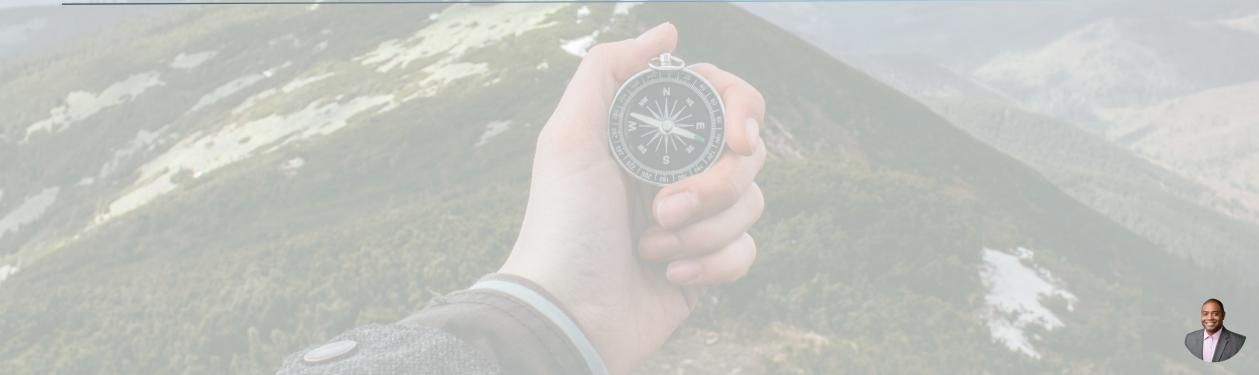


- 5. If your mix is CPFF, lower actual rates than provisional = cash liability; or higher rates than provision means you might not recover indirect due to ceiling rates or funding limitations
- 6. Forecasted indirect rates are used on funding mods, and new proposals





# Annual Financial Statement Requirements of 8a Participants



# Overview of Financial Statement Audit, Review, and Compilation

• Audited Financial Statements - The audit is the highest level of assurance service that a CPA performs and is intended to provide a user comfort on the accuracy of financial statements. CPA performs procedures in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement.







# Overview of Financial Statement Audit, Review, and Compilation



• Reviewed Financial Statements - A financial statement review engagement is to provide limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in conformity with the financial reporting framework.





# Overview of Financial Statement Audit, Review, and Compilation

Compiled Financial Statements - In a compilation engagement, the objective is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements so they will conform to the acceptable financial reporting framework.







# Annual Financial Statements Requirements of 8a Participants



Note: Deadline for required financial statements is within 90 days after the close of the year for compilations & reviews, and 120 days for audits.







# \$10,000,000 Gross Receipts

# Between \$2,000,000 - \$10,000,000

# \$2,000,000 Gross Recipts

#### Financial Statement Requirements

- 1. Annual gross receipts > \$10,000,000
- 2. Must submit AUDITED financial statments
- 3. Prepared by a licensed independent public accountant in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- 4. Within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year

#### SBA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

#### **Exceptions to Audited Statements**

- In the 1st year where gross receipts exceed \$10 million, the participant may provide audited balance sheet with income statements and cash flow receiving the level of service required for previous year, review or none depending on sales.
   SBA District Director may waive requirement for a
- show of good cause.

  3. Unexpected sales growth towards the end of fiscal year that causes unforeseen need for audit or cannot affort the audit or participant < 12 mos

#### SBA DEFINITION OF RECEIPTS

#### Calculating Annual Receipts

- 1. RECEIPTS means all revenue in whatever form
- 2. Received or accrued
- 3. From sales of products, services, interest, dividends, rents, royalties, fees, commissions, reduced by returns and allowances.
- 4. Receipts are considered "total income' or "gross income" plus the Cost of Goods Sold as defined by the IRS.

#### Financial Statement Requirements

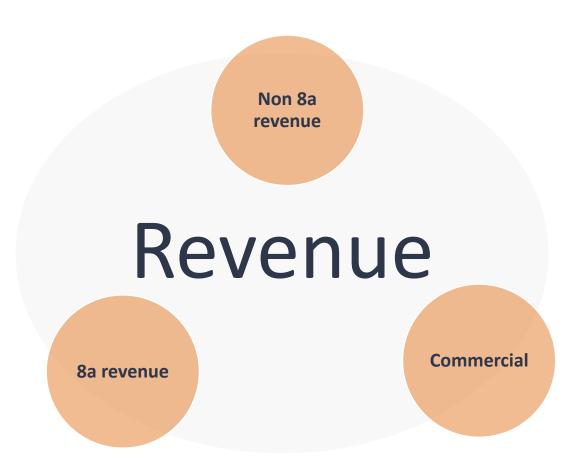
- 1. Annual gross receipts between \$2,000,000 and \$10,000,000
- 2. Must submit REVIEWED financial statement
- 3. Prepared by a licensed independent public accountant in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- 4. Within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year

### Financial Statement Requirements

- 1. Annual gross receipts less than \$2,000,000
- 2. Must submit either:
- a. In-house prepared annual statement
- b. Prepared by a licensed independent public accountant
- c. Verified accuracy by an authorized officer, partner, limited liability member or sole proprietor, including signature and date
- 3. Within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year



## Additional Highlights of 8a Financial Statements Submitted to the SBA







### **Polling Question #2**

True or false: You are required to have a compiled financial statement if you have revenues between 2 million and 10 million within your calendar or fiscal year?

A. True

B. False

C. Unsure





# System Considerations





### **General System Considerations**



Cost accumulation by pool

Direct vs. indirect cost tracking

Indirect rates calculation + tracking

Segregating 8(a) revenue

Contract mix support (T&M, FP, CP(FF))

Timekeeping

System integration ability

Incurred cost submission preparation

Invoicing with rates application

Audit readiness

Budgeting capability

Job/project accounting

Labor distribution



There's a lot to think about here!





### **Key System Considerations - 8(a)**

### Segregating 8(a) Revenue

- Via chart of accounts
- Via system "tags"/dimensions

## Direct vs. Indirect Cost Tracking

- Clear distinction in chart of accounts
- Support allocation methodologies for indirect cost distribution

### Job/Project Accounting

- Detailed project/profitability tracking
- Application of indirect rates





### **Key System Considerations - GovCon**

# Indirect Rates Calculation + Tracking

- Set-up +
   monitoring of
   pools and bases
- Real-time reporting of indirect rates

## Cost Accumulation by Pool

- Support for management of multiple cost pools
- Posting to GL accounts updates pool balances

### System Integrations

- Open API
- Synchronization
   with project
   management,
   procurement, and
   HR systems





### **QuickBooks Online (www.apps.com)**

















### Sage Intacct (Sage Marketplace)



- Dynamic allocations for automatic and recurring labor distribution
- Milestone, % complete, and custom revenue recognition patterns ensure compliance with ASC 606 and IFRS 15
- Dimensional and non-financial reporting for visibility into P&L by project, labor utilization, budget v. actual by project, etc.









### **Other Solutions**

# **Deltek**. Costpoint >

















### **Polling Question #3**

Which GovCon or 8(a)-specific system considerations are you finding the most difficulty with handling?

- A. Detailed project/profitability tracking
- B. Calculating and monitoring real-time indirect rates
- C. Integrating with other systems (like project management, procurement, HR, etc.)
- D. Other





### 8(a) STRATEGIES

# Free Tools to Identify Federal Opportunities

# Leverage free tools to identify opportunities.









FedConnect

Department / Agency forecasts

## SAM.gov is a great tool to receive / review opportunities



- Receive alerts for contract opportunities, awards, and updates to opportunities
- Review publicly available RFPs / RFIs
- Review award data and company information



### USASpending is a great tool for a snapshot of a contract



- The data is more accessible than FPDS, but it's not live. They are required to do an update every 30 days.
- Contract data is presented in simple charts and graphs that do not change - until the next upload is done



### FPDS is a great tool for real-time contract data.



- Live data provided by contracting
- Official source for contract data by the federal government
- Contains the summary level data for contracts,
   e.g. contractor, length of contract, and
   awarded amounts



### **GSA eBuy is a great tool for live opportunities**



- Requires GSA Schedule to view
- More reactive with shorter windows to reply
- Limited competition, limited to companies with that Schedule and/or SIN



### Agency forecasts are great too

- One of the best sources of information particularly for new requirements
- Each year (est.), government agencies publish a list of anticipated contracts
- Some are rolling, others are once per year
- Varying degrees of how current they are
- Agencies are better than others. Many do the bare minimum while others provide meaningful detail.





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