Federal Appropriations Law (2 days)

COURSE PERSPECTIVE
This course describes a framework for attendees to identify and resolve appropriations law issues that arise in their own line of work. It focuses on the availability of appropriations as to purpose, amount, and time. It also explains basic constitutional and legislative controls and processes affecting federal funds, fiscal law terminology, fundamental rules of statutory construction, and the concept of "obligation" in appropriations law.

FAC-COR COMPETENCIES
This course addresses FAC-COR technical competencies/behavioral indicators as listed in the FAI Competency Model dated October 1, 2022 for *General Acquisition Concepts* [Indicators 1.2, 1.3] and *Contract Administration* [Indicators 8.1, 8.2, and 8.8].

COURSE CONTENT
- Basic laws and controls that are embodied in the Constitution and major statutes.
- Processes applicable to budget formulation, annual appropriations, budget execution and control, apportionment and allotment, obligating and disbursing funds, impoundment, and account closing.
- Fiscal law terminology, classification, and principles of statutory construction.
- Rules governing availability of appropriations relating to purpose, amount, and time.
- A three-step analysis to determining *purpose*.
- Applying the *necessary expense rule*.
- Applying statutory purpose restrictions and use of other available appropriations,
- Applying the Anti-deficiency Act provisions including exceptions, sanctions, and applications.
- Applying the rule against augmentation and the provisions of the Miscellaneous Receipts Act.
- Applying rules of availability based upon *time* including appropriate classification, bona fide needs rule (fiscal year needs, exceptions, and applications), prohibition on advance payments (and exceptions), and appropriation account closing.
- Determining appropriate obligations involving interagency transactions.

COURSE MATERIALS
Attendees receive a student guide comprised of 6 chapters, including easy-to-understand examples, application exercises, and case studies. This guide serves as an excellent desktop reference for later use.

The guide is supplemented by handouts including the current agency Appropriations Act and recent Appropriation Decisions of the GAO.

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS/CLPS
Sixteen (16) continuous learning points (CLPs) are issued for successful course completion based on 100% attendance. The instructor may grant up to 1 hour of excused absence.