

Federal Appropriations Law Refresher (1 day)

COURSE PERSPECTIVE

This 1-day course is intended for federal personnel who have successfully completed a Federal Appropriations Law (FAL) overview course and/or have experience with federal budgeting. It provides a refresher in the most important legal principles covered by the FAL course and illustrates those principles through lecture, group discussion, and exercises utilizing recent Comptroller General Opinions.

FAC-COR COMPETENCIES

This course addresses FAC-COR technical competencies 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

- Key appropriation principles governing Purpose, Amount and Time.
- How to apply critical thinking to resolve questions relating to the use of appropriated funds
- How to apply key principles relating to continuing resolutions and interagency transactions.
- How recent GAO decisions affect the use of agency appropriations.
- Updates to GAO's Red Book, "Principles of Federal Appropriations Law."
- Recent trends in budget formulation, annual appropriations, budget execution and control, apportionment and allotment, obligation and disbursement of funds, impoundment, and account closing.

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 a Grants Primer, Summary of GAO Opinions on Meals and Refreshments, and Obligational Consequences of Contract Types.

Handouts include the current agency Appropriations Act and *Principles of Federal Appropriations Law, Chapter 3, Availability of Appropriations: Purpose [Fourth Edition, 2017 Revision]*.

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS/CLPs

Eight (8) continuous learning points (CLPs) are issued for successful course completion based on 100% attendance. The instructor may grant up to 30 minutes of excused absence.