

## Government Contracts

Conducting business with the U.S. government involves a host of specialized challenges.

Government contracts. Grants and cooperative agreements. Other transaction agreements (OTAs). International tenders. These agreements are complex and highly regulated. And because they involve government funding, they routinely draw scrutiny from regulators, policymakers, and the public.

**The government contracts and grants lawyers at Hogan Lovells are leaders in the field.** We operate at the intersection of business and government, offering a team of experienced lawyers who distill complex requirements and provide strategic advice. We guide companies that are household names, as well as nontraditional contractors, small businesses, and nonprofit and humanitarian organizations active around the globe.

**Our team includes dedicated lawyers in every industry that serves the government,** including aerospace and defense, life sciences, education, technology, professional services, financial services, and international development. Our diverse client relationships reach across industries and jurisdictions.

With unmatched cross-border capability, we have advised clients on projects in over 100 countries across the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

**Our key areas of focus include:**

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### Areas of focus

Bid Protest Litigation

Classified Information, Security Clearance Counseling and Appeals, Foreign Ownership Control, and Influence Mitigation

Contract Requests for Equitable Adjustment, Claims, Disputes (REAs), Termination Settlements, and Appeals

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Domestic Preference and Buy American Laws

Federal Grants, Cooperative

- Bid protests
- Contract claims and dispute resolution
- Grants and cooperative agreements
- National security
- Cybersecurity
- Fraud and False Claims Act
- Suspension and debarment
- Corporate transactions (M&A)
- International contracts and activity
- Health and medical/drug procurement programs
- Foreign sourcing restrictions
- Labor and employment
- Cost accounting and cost allowability
- Intellectual property
- Commercial product and service contracting
- Small business and socioeconomic programs
- Regulatory compliance

## Representative experience

Advising a leading pharmaceutical company on its multi-billion dollar contracts with the U.S. government for COVID-19 vaccine for use domestically and donation internationally.

Defending a large company in a DOJ False Claims Act investigation involving compliance with the company's GSA Federal Supply Schedule contract; as a result of the investigation, the DOJ declined to file a complaint.

Advising dozens of U.S. government grantees and contractors on matters related to "foreign influence" in U.S. government-funded research, including voluntary disclosures, conflicts of interest, non-U.S. activity, and non-U.S. funding.

Agreements, and Sponsored Research

Federal Health Procurement for Drugs, Biologics, and Medical Devices

False Claims Act and Qui Tam Litigation

Government Cost Accounting and CAS

Government Rights in Intellectual Property

National Security and Defense Legislation and Policy

Nuclear Funding Opportunities and Government R&D Agreements

PPPs (including P3 and PFI) and Government Contracts

Schedule Contracting

Small Business Eligibility and Appeals

Sovereigns: PPP / Complex Projects

Sovereigns: Regulatory

Technology Contracts

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## Related practices

Complex Contracting

Education

Employment

Health

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects

International Trade and Investment

IT Law

Medical Device and Technology Regulatory

Advising several universities and international development organizations on USAID, HHS, and DoD-funded activities around the globe, including tax compliance, legal structure considerations, labor and employment, bilateral agreements, and foreign contracting.

Guiding an extensive roster of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies on their contracts with U.S. and non-U.S. governments for pharmaceuticals, vaccines, medical devices, and inventory services.

Filing a series of strategically placed protests at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Court of Federal Claims that resulted in the U.S. Army taking corrective action multiple times in connection with a flawed award of a contract to our client's competitor.

Advising companies on obtaining security clearances and U.S. classified information safeguarding requirements, including handling other sensitive data types for U.S. allies (such as NATO classified information).

Guiding clients on compliance with cybersecurity terms of contract performance, including disclosures regarding government specific information security standards and remediation of prohibited telecommunications equipment.

Advising pharmaceutical and biologics companies on unique compliance requirements, including mandatory contracting and pricing requirements and country of origin restrictions, including related investigations and disclosures to Federal agencies.

Advising extensively on national stockpile contracting for countermeasures and national preparedness.

Advising a leading commercial satellite operator on its acquisition of a critical provider of managed satcom services to the U.S. Defense Department and other government agencies.

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology  
Regulatory

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Public Procurement

Space and Satellite

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## Related industries

Aerospace and Defense

Manufacturing and Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Life Sciences and Health Care

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Defending major research universities in False Claims Act investigations related to research grants and contracts.

Preparing and negotiating a termination settlement proposal for a subcontractor in connection with multibillion-dollar procurement program.

## Awards and rankings

- Ranked Tier 2 for Government Contracts, *The Legal 500 US*, 2017-2021
- Mike Mason named to Spotlight Table for Government Contracts: Bid Protests, *Chambers USA (Nationwide)*, 2019-2021
- Band 2 for Government Contracts, *Chambers USA (Nationwide)*, 2017-2020
- Tom McGovern named to Spotlight Table for Government Contracts: Bid Protests, *Chambers USA (Nationwide)*, 2019-2020
- Government Contracts Firm of the Year, *Who's Who Legal*, 2016-2019
- Band 1 for Public Procurement, *Chambers UK*, 2016 & 2018
- Agnes Dover and Tom McGovern Named Acritas Stars, 2017
- Tom McGovern is named a Leading Lawyer for Government Contracts, *The Legal 500*, 2015-2018
- Pete Dungan Named a Rising Star for Government Contracts, *Law360*, 2015

## Latest thinking and events

### News

National Security podcast

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### News

Seeking harmony: FDA to align its human subject research regulations with Common Rule

### News

Critical input needed: U.S. critical infrastructure asked to engage on proposed cyber reporting rules

### Hogan Lovells Podcasts

Podcast: Talking the cure

Mind the vertical gap: An update on the new rules on vertical agreements in the EU and UK