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## Pricing and Cost Accounting

The essential reference to help federal contractors negotiate and maintain profitable contracts—Now in its third edition! This is the essential reference to help federal contractors negotiate and maintain profitable contracts—and remain in compliance throughout the life of the contract. Government contracting rules and regulations have changed significantly over the past six years. This new third edition addresses these changes and more: New thresholds for certification of cost and pricing data Revisions in cost accounting standards Implementation of commercial time-and-material and labor-hour contracts New, stringent ethics requirements Impact of stimulus funding Revised cost principles, including excessive pass-through costs, post-retirement benefits, and travel costs Redirected audit initiatives based on the GAO review of DCAA Plus...changed requirements for bidding...pricing...cost accounting...subcontracting...contract modification...all the information you need to be in compliance with the new rules. No other single book provides as much up-to-date federal procurement cost and pricing information in such a concise - yet comprehensive - format.

## Cost-Based Pricing

This master reference is essential if you contract with the government! Correctly pricing your goods or services—and making certain that those prices are in compliance with myriad federal rules and regulations—is essential to doing business with the government...and ensuring your commercial success. Cost-Based Pricing: A Guide for Government Contractors shows you how to appropriately estimate and price for government contracts and defend those estimates in a government contracting and subcontracting environment. This practical book includes coverage of all government pricing rules and regulations as well as pertinent aspects of related laws, such as the Truth in Negotiations Act. The book walks you through every step of the estimating process. From figuring direct labor costs to

intra-company transfers to contract modifications, the coverage is extensive yet accessible for even those new to the process. Using Cost-Based Pricing, you will be able to:

- Develop more realistic estimates
- Enhance your support of those estimates in negotiations
- Avoid violations of the Truth in Negotiations Act
- Increase your chances of securing a fair and reasonable price

Cost-Based Pricing: A Guide for Government Contractors can make the difference between your success—and profitability—and failure in the federal government arena.

### Pricing and Cost Accounting

This book is a comprehensive guide to planning and implementing government contract cost accounting, required with U.S. federal government contracts. A team of eight leading experts in U.S. government contract management, project management, government contract cost accounting, and government contract law, have worked together to develop this unique book.

### Government Contract Cost Accounting

Thousands of contracting professionals have relied on the Federal Contracting Answer Book as their trusted guide to the highly regulated world of government procurement. In each edition the book has offered timely and accurate answers to the questions that arise daily in this complex field. Now in its third edition, this answer book is even more comprehensive. Written by experts who have extensive experience working in and teaching government contracting, the book includes all the latest changes and requirements. The question-and-answer format enables quick look-up and a concise presentation of the information. In this edition, new questions and answers have been added on avoiding proposal errors, debriefings, procurement vocabulary, regulatory changes, and best practices. In addition to these updates and revisions, the third edition includes new chapters on earned value management, GSA schedules, and contractor qualifications.

### Federal Contracting Answer Book

GAO proposed legislation to study the profitability of government contractors and: (1) require major government contractors to annually report financial results to an official designated by the President; (2) define criteria for determining which companies will be subject to reporting requirements; and (3) create a Department of Defense (DOD) Profit Reporting Program. GAO believes the program should require: (1) a consistent methodology to evaluate profitability; (2) a means to establish the reliability of contractor-furnished data; and (3) mandatory contractor participation. GAO found that contractors and agencies remain opposed to the program because they believe that: (1) DOD ad hoc studies of contractor profitability would be adequate; (2) the costs of the study would outweigh the benefits; and (3) the government could not adequately protect proprietary information.

### Government Contract Costs and Pricing Handbook

The process of estimating the cost for the development and delivery of a product, service, or solution can range from simple to highly complex based upon multiple factors including: technology maturity, urgency, geographic location, quantity, quality, availability of resources, hardware and software, systems integration and more. This book provides a comprehensive discussion of cost estimating and contract pricing with extensive use of tools, techniques, and best practices from both the public and private sectors. Key topics of discussion include: Cost estimating methods Cost accounting standards Cost analysis Profit analysis Contract pricing arrangements Price analysis Total ownership cost Earned value management systems

### Government Contract Costs and Pricing Handbook

Perform Contracting Successfully! This master reference — in its fifth edition — contains everything you need to know about government pricing rules and regulations in one easy-to-use volume. Guide to Contract Pricing: Cost and Price Analysis for Contractors, Subcontractors, and Government Agencies, Fifth Edition, explains how the government conducts business and walks you through every step of the contracting process. This fully updated edition includes a new chapter on the role of auditors in contract pricing as well as five new detailed appendices. You'll be able to:

- + Master the steps of the sealed bid process
- + Improve your skills at evaluating bids, proposals, and quotations
- + Perfect your ability to analyze direct and indirect labor costs
- + Improve your chances for securing a fair and reasonable price

## Government Contracting

Cost Accounting Standards Board Regulations as of January 1, 2009 reproduces all Title 48, Chapter 99 regulations issued by the Cost Accounting Standards Board plus the nineteen standards included in Part 9903, Subchapter B of the Federal Acquisition Regulation . These standards apply to negotiated contracts issued by all agencies of the government, but do not apply to small business, sealed bid or commercial item contracts and subcontracts. The rules provide consistency in estimating, accumulating, allocating and reporting costs under negotiated government contracts and subcontracts (both defense and civilian). Compliance or noncompliance has a direct bearing on a contractor's recovery of costs, making the book of great value to any entity involved in government contracts . Universities and colleges will also benefit—this volume includes the standards adopted by the CASB on November 8, 1994, applicable to educational institutions that receive negotiated contracts over \$500,000. Updated annually, with a topical index and detailed table of contents.

## Cost Estimating and Contract Pricing

Federal contracting . . . easy? With the fourth edition of Federal Contracting Made Easy, it is! Whether or not you consider federal contracting easy, it is certainly easier with this guide. Used successfully by thousands of contractors and feds, this book offers practical, hands-on, no-nonsense advice. Now in its fourth edition, Federal Contracting Made Easy lays out the entire federal contracting process in a readable and easy-to-understand style. This book covers how government procurement works, what you can do to cut through the red tape to speed your way to winning a contract, who the key players are, and tips for overcoming obstacles. New in this edition: • Discussion of government-wide acquisition contracts (GWACs) • Updates on women-owned small business • New status of service-disabled veteran-owned small business • Expanded list of relevant websites and resources • Introduction to the new System for Award Management (SAM) Whether you are about to enter the competitive world of federal contracting or have been bidding for contracts for years and are now looking for updated information and ideas, this is the book you need. The federal government awards billions of dollars in contracts for goods and services every year. This book will help you win a piece of that business.

## Government Contracting

A complete overhaul of Contracting with the Federal Government, Third Edition to reflect developments and changes since 1992. Analysis of Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (major legislation enacted in 1995), and of significant changes in cost accounting standards and requirements, statutes, and regulations governing federal contracting process. With step-by-step instructions, and forms in a clear and concise process, this professional book incorporates relevant supplemental information.

## Guide to Contract Pricing

Comprehensive and detailed analysis for implementing, complying and keeping current with Cost Accounting Standards for federal government procurement contracts. 1 Volume

## Armed Services Procurement Regulation Manual for Contract Pricing

Congress asked the General Accounting Office (GAO) to establish a panel of experts to study and make recommendations regarding the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board and the CAS system against the background of the far-reaching procurement reforms of recent years. This group, the CAS Board Review Panel, believes that there is a continuing need for the CAS and the CAS Board. Cost-based contracts continue to represent the majority of all federal contracting dollars and the original purposes of the CAS--principally the need for uniformity and consistency to protect the government from certain risks inherent in cost-based contracts and to improve communications between the government and contractors with regard to those contracts--remain.

## Cost Accounting Standards Board Regulations As of January 1, 2009

In today's hypercompetitive global marketplace, accurate cost estimating is crucial to bottom-line results. Nowhere is this more evident than in the design and development of new products and services. Among managing engineers responsible for developing realistic cost estimates for new product designs, the number-one source of information and guidance has been the Cost Estimator's Reference Manual. Comprehensive, authoritative, and practical, the Manual instructs readers in the full range of cost estimating techniques and procedures currently used in the fields of development, testing, manu-

facturing, production, construction, software, general services, government contracting, engineering services, scientific projects, and proposal preparation. The authors clearly explain how to go about gathering the data essential to preparing a realistic estimate of costs and guide the reader step by step through each procedure. This new Second Edition incorporates a decade of progress in the methods, procedures, and strategies of cost estimating. All the material has been updated and five new chapters have been added to reflect the most recent information on such increasingly important topics as activity-based costing, software estimating, design-to-cost techniques, and cost implications of new concurrent engineering and systems engineering approaches to projects. Indispensable to virtually anyone whose work requires accurate cost estimates, the Cost Estimator's Reference Manual will be especially valuable to engineers, estimators, accountants, and contractors of products, projects, processes, and services to both government and industry. The essential ready-reference for the techniques, methods, and procedures of cost estimating **COST ESTIMATOR'S REFERENCE MANUAL Second Edition** Indispensable for anyone who depends on accurate cost estimates for engineering projects, the Cost Estimator's Reference Manual guides the user through both the basic and more sophisticated aspects of the estimating process. Authoritative and comprehensive, the Manual seamlessly integrates the many functions--accounting, financial, statistical, and management--of modern cost estimating practice. Its broad coverage includes estimating procedures applied to such areas as: \* Production \* Software \* Development \* General services \* Testing \* Government contracting \* Manufacturing \* Engineering \* Proposal preparation \* Scientific projects \* Construction This updated and expanded Second Edition incorporates all the most important recent developments in cost estimating, such as activity-based costing, software estimating, design-to-cost techniques, computer-aided estimating tools, concurrent engineering, and life cycle costing. For engineers, estimators, accountants, planners, and others who are involved in the cost aspects of projects, the Cost Estimator's Reference Manual is an invaluable information source that will pay for itself many times over.

### Federal Contracting Made Easy

The newly revised edition of Cost Accounting Standards Board Regulations, as of January 1, 2018 aids contractors in their ability to recover costs and avoid fines or contract termination. This annual edition contains the full text of the Cost Accounting Standards Board regulations (48 CFR Chapter 99), including Disclosure Statement Forms DS-1 and DS-2. This is an invaluable resource because: It provides policies and procedures for applying the Cost Accounting Standards to negotiated contracts and subcontracts Strict compliance is essential to avoid penalties and maximize recovery of contract-related costs allowed under federal laws and regulations Noncompliance can lead to the inability to recover contract-related costs, significant fines, contract termination, and/or contractor disbarment It provides guidance to potential contractors during proposal preparation to ensure full and proper disclosure, and to gauge reporting requirements, cost limitations, and related factors Previous Edition: Cost Accounting Standards Board Regulations, as of January 1, 2017, ISBN: 9781454885382

### Contracting with the Federal Government

The newly revised edition of Cost Accounting Standards Board Regulations, as of January 1, 2017 aids contractors in their ability to recover costs and avoid fines or contract termination. This annual edition contains the full text of the Cost Accounting Standards Board regulations (48 CFR Chapter 99), including Disclosure Statement Forms DS-1 and DS-2. This is an invaluable resource because: It provides policies and procedures for applying the Cost Accounting Standards to negotiated contracts and subcontracts Strict compliance is essential to avoid penalties and maximize recovery of contract-related costs allowed under federal laws and regulations Noncompliance can lead to the inability to recover contract-related costs, significant fines, contract termination, and/or contractor disbarment It provides guidance to potential contractors during proposal preparation to ensure full and proper disclosure, and to gauge reporting requirements, cost limitations, and related factors

### Report on the Feasibility of Applying Uniform Cost-accounting Standards to Negotiated Defense Contracts

The Third Edition provides practical information regarding the rules and regulations that define the federal procurement process. Contains instructions and forms designed to expedite the process. Viewing the federal government as a unique and complex market, it recognizes the structural changes that have occurred in this important market and the implications of those changes for those responsible for awarding and performing government contracts.

### Accounting for Government Contracts

The newly revised edition of Cost Accounting Standards Board Regulations, as of January 1, 2015 aids contractors in their ability to recover costs and avoid fines or contract termination. This annual edition contains the full text of the Cost Accounting Standards Board regulations (48 CFR Chapter 99), including Disclosure Statement Forms DS-1 and DS-2. This is an invaluable resource because: It provides policies and procedures for applying the Cost Accounting Standards to negotiated contracts and subcontracts Strict compliance is essential to avoid penalties and maximize recovery of contract-related costs allowed under federal laws and regulations Noncompliance can lead to the inability to recover contract-related costs, significant fines, contract termination, and/or contractor disbarment It provides guidance to potential contractors during proposal preparation to ensure full and proper disclosure, and to gauge reporting requirements, cost limitations, and related factors

#### Commercial item handbook

Concerned about cost management? This text examines contract costs from a variety of angles. From basic cost principles to cost accounting standards, there is valuable information for all experience levels. The book explores the difference between cost of goods sold & business expenses. It also looks at different kinds of capital expenditures. Specifically addressing government contracts, the book covers traditional topics such as proposal-related costs, price analysis versus cost analysis, progress payments, contract changes, government audits, cost of fraud, & legal & other professional costs. In its coverage of cost accounting standards (CAS), the book presents the statutory origins of the CAS, the current CAS Board administration, CAS applicability, "full" versus "modified" coverage, & disclosure statements. It also discusses each of the CAS & many of the cost principles in detail. In addition, it covers current topics such as environmental costs & the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act. This book provides the tools necessary to maximize your understanding of contract costs, & it is particularly useful for those interested in government contracting. To order: National Contract Management Association, 1912 Woodford Rd., Vienna, VA 22182. Phone 1-800-344-8096

#### Future role of the Cost Accounting Standards Board

Your Go-to Resource for Government Contract Source Selection! From planning to protest and all the steps in between, Understanding Government Contract Source Selection is the one reference all government acquisition professionals and contractors should keep close at hand. This valuable resource provides straightforward guidance to ensure you develop a firm foundation in government contract source selection. Government acquisition professionals can reference this book for guidance on:

- Preparing the acquisition and source selection plans
- Drafting evaluation criteria and proposal preparation instructions
- Creating a scoring plan and rating method
- Drafting the RFP and SOW
- Conducting a pre-proposal conference
- Preparing to receive proposals and training evaluators
- Evaluating technical, management, and cost proposals
- Avoiding protest

Contractors can reference this book for guidance on:

- Selling to the federal government
- Reviewing a draft RFP and providing comments
- Participating in a pre-proposal conference
- Preparing a proposal that complies with RFP requirements
- Developing a strategy for teaming agreements, subcontracts, and key personnel
- Negotiating a contract
- Getting the most out of post-award debriefings
- Filing a protest

PLUS! Understanding Government Contract Source Selection provides a source selection glossary, an extensive case study, and sample proposal preparation instructions in the appendices to help you navigate the federal competitive source selection process. This complete guide is an indispensable resource for anyone striving to build their knowledge of government contract source selection!

#### Clause Manual

In the last twenty years, the need for a financial expert to act as a witness and consultant to litigating attorneys has grown even more than litigation itself. This handbook includes all aspects of litigation services, including current environments, the process itself, a wealth of cases, how to prove damages, and practical considerations of court appearances. It thoroughly covers the fine points of trial preparation and testimony presentation. Also, discussion is offered for understanding Sarbanes-Oxley rulings and fraud investigations. Accountants and attorneys working in litigation will benefit from this book.

#### Cost Estimator's Reference Manual

The newly revised edition of Cost Accounting Standard Board Regulations, as of January 1, 2014 aids contractors in their ability to recover costs and avoid fines or contract termination. This annual

edition contains the full text of the Cost Accounting Standards Board regulations (48 CFR Chapter 99), including Disclosure Statement Forms DS-1 and DS-2. This is an invaluable resource because: It provides policies and procedures for applying the Cost Accounting Standards to negotiated contracts and subcontracts Strict compliance is essential to avoid penalties and maximize recovery of contract-related costs allowed under federal laws and regulations Noncompliance can lead to the inability to recover contract-related costs, significant fines, contract termination, and/or contractor disbarment It provides guidance to potential contractors during proposal preparation to ensure full and proper disclosure, and to gauge reporting requirements, cost limitations, and related factors

#### Handbook on Government Contracts Administration

This collection of memorial articles and selected obituaries highlights the careers and contributions to accounting practice, the accounting profession, and the accounting literature of leading American figures in the 20th century. The memorial articles do much more than recite their subject's career. More importantly, they discuss and assess their subject's role in influencing the course of accounting practice and the profession as well as the evolution of their influential writings, revealing the names of the accounting leaders and leading thinkers of the past century. Memorial Articles for 20th Century American Accounting Leaders is useful in providing students and young researchers with a rich source of intelligence on the leaders who have established norms of practice, advanced the profession, and set the terms of debate in the literature – leaders who are cited and even quoted but who are known mostly as names without a full-bodied treatment of their backgrounds and broader roles in shaping the accounting literature.

#### DCAA Contract Audit Manual

Contracts Management Manual