

Top Gov't Contracts Policy Developments of 2017

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2017 introduced several major policy changes that will affect federal contractors' operations for years to come, from the implementation of a stringent new defense cybersecurity rule and the repeal of a deeply unpopular rule on labor violations to provisions of a sprawling Pentagon budget bill that may boost some contractors' business while imposing new requirements on others.

"Companies are very worried that they're not going to be able to implement all of these somewhat arcane requirements in time," McCarter & English LLP government contracts practice co-lead Franklin Turner said. "The requirements are highly technical in nature, and they apply to essentially every DOD contract with the exception of commercial off-the-shelf items."