

Notice to Contractors/Vendors

Unless notified in writing by a contracting officer, all Judiciary contractors must continue to fulfill their contractual obligations to the judiciary in the event of a government shutdown, i.e., contractors must continue to comply with all terms, conditions, and delivery and performance requirements specified in their contracts during the period covered by a lapse in appropriations.

The Judiciary will not provide a separate notification or communication for contracts that will not be affected by the lapse in appropriations.

The budget for this fiscal year has not yet been enacted, which has resulted in a temporary loss of funding for contracted supplies and services and limits the Judiciary's ability to manage its contracts.

During the government shutdown, non-excepted government activities will cease and performance under contracts may be affected. A shutdown, a sovereign act of the Government, may prevent contractors and the Judiciary from fulfilling their contractual obligations to each other due to circumstances beyond their control. In other cases, the Government may cancel planned procurements, reduce the scope of contracts, stop work under contracts, or terminate contracts.

Should judiciary contracting officers determine that any of these actions is necessary, or that contractors or the Judiciary will be unable to fulfill their obligations due to the shutdown, a contracting officer will provide contractors with prompt notice and instructions for each affected contract.

Invoices received for goods or services will not be paid until the government funding for this fiscal year has been enacted, and the Judiciary restores full operations.

Thank you for your continued support and business with the Federal Judiciary, and for your cooperation as we work together during this time.