

# Free Webcast – Debriefing, Bid Protests, and Size & Status Investigations

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In today's extremely competitive federal contracting market, understanding bid protests and the procedures relating to protests can make the difference between getting the contract or getting left out of the race altogether.



Was a contract improperly awarded to someone else?

Want to know if there is any way to fight the agency's decision and get the award after all?

Sign up for this webcast and learn how to use debriefings and protests as an affirmative tool to get the contract you deserve. We also discuss the defensive side of protests, teaching you how to defend against, or even avoid, protests filed by frustrated competitors. Lastly, you will learn about size and status protests, which address the size and eligibility of Small, 8(a), VO/SDVOSB, ED/WOSB and HUBZone businesses.

**About Presenter:** Maria Panichelli is an experienced government contracting attorney, whose practice



focuses on federal construction contracting and small business procurement. Her practice spans a variety of federal contracting matters, including bid protests, REAs, contract claims, and appeals. She has represented clients before numerous Federal agencies, the Government Accountability Office, and various Federal and state courts, and has litigated cases covering a wide range of construction-related issues such as defective designs, defective specifications, differing site conditions, changes, suspensions, delays, and contract terminations. Maria frequently counsels clients with regards to compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations, Prompt Payment Act, and False Claims Act. Maria also counsels clients in all aspects of small business procurement. Maria successfully challenged negative agency findings with regard to clients' SDVOSB and 8(a) eligibility,

and successfully defeated size and status related bid protests brought by competitors. She has considerable experience drafting teaming and joint venture agreements, and advising small business clients with regard to potential affiliation problems and subcontracting requirements. Her small business practice also involves drafting corporate governance documents that will comply with small business program eligibility requirements.