



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK

**KHADIJIA WHITE-THOMAS**  
Clerk of Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RE: Pre-Lapse in Appropriations Notice to Contractors**

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona is issuing this notice to apprise the Judiciary contractor community of Judiciary-wide plans regarding contract actions that may be necessary in the event that contract funding is affected by a lapse in appropriations, known as a Federal Government Shutdown. As you are aware, the budget for fiscal year 2024 has not been enacted and may result in a lapse in the funds designated to purchase supplies and services by contract and a reduction in the Government's capacity to administer Judiciary contracts.

A lapse in appropriations would mean that several government activities would cease, including, in some cases, performance under contracts. In addition, certain planned procurements may be cancelled, and certain existing contracts may be stopped, reduced in scope, terminated, or partially terminated. In yet other cases, both contractors and the Judiciary may be unable to fulfill their contractual obligations due to circumstances created by the lapse in appropriations, a sovereign act of the Government.

Should Judiciary contracting officers determine that any of these actions is necessary or that contractors will be unable to fulfill their obligations, a contracting officer will provide prompt notice and instructions to contractors for each affected contract. If a contract will not be affected by the lapse in appropriations, the Judiciary will not provide a separate notification or communication to that effect.

Unless a contracting officer provides the contractor a formal notification to the contrary, all Judiciary contractors must continue to fulfill their contractual obligations to the Judiciary, i.e., unless notified otherwise, contractors must continue to comply with all terms, conditions, requirements, and delivery requirements specified in their contracts during a period covered by a lapse in appropriations.

Thank you for your continued support and business with the federal Judiciary.

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