

WWEMA 2024 FINANCE & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION MEETING

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PROGRAM AGENDA

JUNE 17-18, 2024

WWEMA 2024 F&CA MEETING

The WWEMA Finance & Contract Administration (F&CA) Meeting is a must-attend event for professionals who engage in contract management or have financial oversight within their organization. This interactive and engaging meeting will offer attendees an opportunity to learn from experts who will cover a range of issues from key aspects of contract litigation, overview of the Clean Water Act, Buy America requirements, basics of contracts from a design professional and more.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

3:00 — 3:15 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Claudio Ternieden, Executive Director, WWEMA

3:15 — 4:00 p.m.

Procurement Process of the MWRDGC

***Keynote Speaker, Lisa Kursell, Engineer of Treatment Plant Operations,
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago***

The presentation will offer insight into the procurement process of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago, with concentration on equipment and facilities modifications.

4:00 — 5:00 p.m.

Key Aspects of Contract Litigation

Alexander Bandza, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

Embark on a whirlwind tour through contract law and contract litigation to understand best practices in day-to-day contract management. Hear some of the pitfalls and “classic” areas of fighting in litigation to gain insight in up-front discussions and points to consider help to avoid litigation. Learn how these techniques and points can best position you, your client/company, and your company’s counsel if litigation does arise months or years down the line.

5:00 — 7:00 p.m.

**WWEMA Networking Reception
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TUESDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 — 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

9:00 — 10:00 a.m.

Key Elements of Contracts for Equipment in Water and Wastewater

Keynote Speaker, Zachary Jones, ACEC, EJCDC Counsel

The discussion will cover the essential terms in purchase orders and procurement contracts (such as, for example, the EJCDC P520) that tend to have the most to impact suppliers to construction projects. The conversation will encompass critical areas such as flowdown clauses, which ensure consist risk allocation amongst tiers; warranties, which provide end-users assurances of quality and performance; indemnity clauses, which allocate risk other than business performance (typically); and various damage-related clauses, including waivers of consequential damages, liquidated damages, and no damages for delay clauses. By understanding these terms, suppliers can better position themselves to compete for infrastructure procurements, protect their interests, and foster successful project outcomes.

10:00 — 11:00 a.m.

Overview of the Clean Water Act

Erika Powers, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

Gain a basic understanding of the purposes of the Clean Water Act and supporting regulations. This will include an overview of the statutory and regulatory structure, how effluent limitations are established, how the NPDES permitting process works, and how states and U.S. EPA enforce the Act. You will also learn basic strategies for navigating permit and enforcement negotiations with regulatory agencies.

11:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon

**Overview and Discussion on Build America, Buy America (BABA),
Impact on Contracts and Compliance**

***Tim Connor, Senior Chemical Engineer, U.S. EPA Office of Wastewater
Management, Water Infrastructure Division***

Hear from the practitioner perspective on domestic preference requirements as the presentation will cover efforts EPA undertakes to ensure recipients of federal financial assistance understand the domestic requirements and the measures that Office of Water (OW) programs take to clearly convey these requirements to all stakeholders. They will address contract language required, the efforts projects take to ensure contractors and suppliers have awareness of the requirements, and the measures EPA uses for encouraging positive compliance.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 18

12:00 noon — 1:00 p.m.
Networking Lunch

1:00 — 2:00 p.m.

Basics of Contracts from a Design Professional Perspective

**Mark Blankenship, CPCU, AIC, LEED AP, Director of Risk Management,
WTW A&E**

Gain a comprehensive understanding of contract fundamentals from the perspective of design professionals in this insightful presentation. Delve into key concepts, considerations, and best practices essential for navigating contract agreements effectively in the realm of design.

2:00 — 2:30 p.m.

Networking Break

2:30 — 4:00 p.m.

**Contracts Step by Step and How Does Insurance Apply and Implications—What is Available Today in Terms of Additional Insured Coverage
(Panel Discussion)**

**Mark Blankenship, CPCU, AIC, LEED AP, Director of Risk Management,
WTW A&E**

Zachary Jones, ACEC, EJCDC Counsel

Join the panel as they explore the intricacies of contracts step by step and unravel the nuances of insurance application in this informative presentation. Delve into the implications and current options for additional insured coverage, gaining valuable insights into protecting your interest and mitigating risks effectively.

Thank you for attending the WWEMA F&CA Meeting!



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