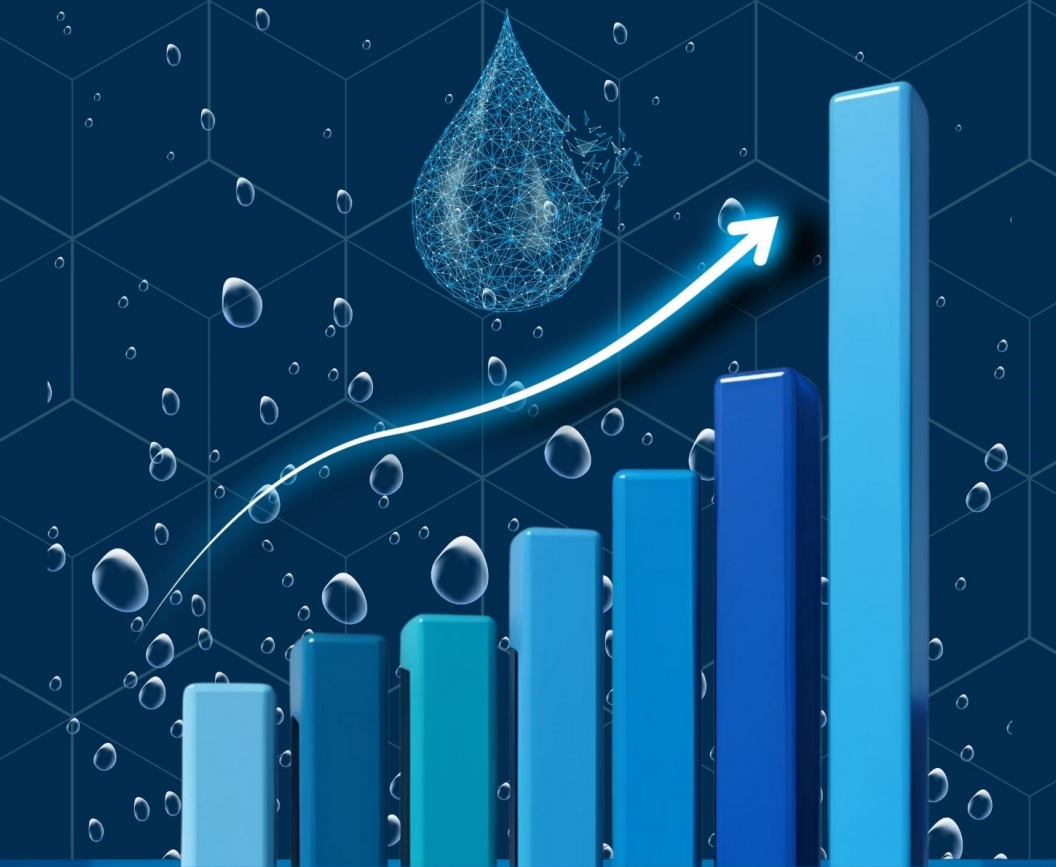


FINANCE & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

June 16-17 2025
Rreston, VA



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PROGRAM AGENDA

WWEMA 2025 F&CA WORKSHOP

The WWEMA Finance & Contract Administration (F&CA) Workshop is a must-attend event for professionals who engage in contract management or have financial oversight within their organization. This interactive and engaging workshop will offer attendees an opportunity to learn from experts who will cover a range of issues from key aspects of contract litigation, terms and conditions, various bid and procurement types, cybersecurity and AI trends, and more.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

2:00 — 3:30 p.m.

Keynote Speakers

David A. Goldwater, Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Stantec

Korey Gray, Chief Procurement Office, DC Water

3:30 — 3:45 p.m.

Networking Break

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3:45 — 5:00 p.m.

Economic Outlook

Thomas Decker, Owner, Thomas E. Decker Consulting, LLC

The water sector is experiencing strong momentum, fueled by aging infrastructure, evolving regulations, and a significant infusion of federal funding over the last few years. However, like any industry, its performance is closely tied to the broader economic climate. This presentation will explore key economic indicators—including GDP trends, inflation, labor market dynamics, construction input costs, housing activity, tariffs and demographic shifts. We'll offer insights into where the market is headed and assess the outlook for sustained growth.

5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

WWEMA Networking Reception

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 — 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

9:00 — 10:00 a.m.

The Regulatory Context for Contracts Administration in the Water Sector: An Update on EPA and Congress

Fred Andes, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

As federal regulations and legislative actions continue to evolve, staying current is essential for effective contract administration in the water sector. This session will provide a timely update on key developments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Congress that directly impact how contracts are structured, implemented, and managed.

10:00 — 10:45 a.m.

AI and Cybersecurity and Its Implications on Contracts in the Water Sector

Barry Liner, PhD, PE, Principal, Aldera LLC; Senior Advisor to the Water Council

As AI and Cybersecurity become ever more important to the water sector, this session will address their implications to contracts and financial administration that all manufacturers need to be aware of. Dr. Liner is an advisor with NASA and other organizations on how AI has evolved and how it may influence all aspects of business administration.

10:45 — 11:00 a.m.

Networking Break

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11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Contracts Overview and Trends

Alexander Bandza, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

The landscape of contracts in the water and wastewater sector is rapidly evolving—shaped by shifting regulations, funding requirements, supply chain challenges, and risk management concerns. This session will provide a high-level overview of current contract structures, common provisions, and emerging trends that are impacting how agreements are developed and executed.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

12:00 — 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch

1:00 — 2:00 p.m.

Breakout: Hands-On—Participants Will Evaluate Contract Terms Closely

Alexander Bandza, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Matthew Michaels, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Put your contract knowledge to the test in this interactive, hands-on breakout session. Participants will work in small groups to examine real-world contract language, identify problematic clauses, and suggest improvements.

2:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Find the Flaws and Sharpen Your Contract Knowledge

Alexander Bandza, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Matthew Michaels, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

An exciting and interactive session designed to deepen your understanding of contract language and sharpen your drafting skills. In this hands-on workshop, you'll actively engage in identifying problematic provisions, spotting red flags, and improving key contractual clauses to better protect your organization.

3:00 — 4:00 p.m.

BABA is the Law—Now What? Where Are We?

Matthew Michaels, Esq., Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) is now firmly in place—but what does that mean for manufacturers, suppliers, and project owners navigating federally funded water and wastewater projects? This session will provide an up-to-date overview of BABA implementation, current compliance requirements, and the practical realities of meeting domestic sourcing mandates.



Directory of Attendees



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