

Public Contracting Institute  
Skills of Subcontract Administration  
Polling Questions  
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1. True or False:

- a. Subcontractors are not exposed to any of the risks that prime contractors are exposed to. (False)
- b. Subcontractors can never be audited. (False)
- c. If a subcontractor has a claim against the Government, it normally must process that claim through the prime contractor. (True)
- d. Subcontractors normally have no ability to file a bid protest at the GAO. (True)

2. True or False:

- a. All prime contractors must use subcontractors. (False)
- b. Subcontractors are encouraged to contact contracting officers to complain about prime contractors. (False)
- c. Just to make sure it is on the same footing as its prime contractor, a subcontractor should insist on using the FAR "Termination for Convenience" clause in its subcontract. (False)
- d. If a subcontractor fails to perform, that excuses the prime contractor from default termination. (False)

3. True or False:

- a. If a subcontractor hopes to succeed in the Government-contracts arena, its personnel must have a working familiarity with the FAR. (True)
- b. A subcontractor's performance record may not be considered by an agency in the pre-award evaluation process under a FAR Part 15 procurement. (False)
- c. Subcontractors must respond to Freedom of Information Act requests they receive. (False)
- d. Subcontractors are not subject to the False Claims Act. (False)

4. True or False:

- a. Subcontractors should be aware of, and avoid, potential organizational conflicts of interest. (True)
- b. Prime contractors must flow down all of the clauses in their prime contract to all their subcontractors. (False)
- c. Subcontractors must have their executed contract in place before they can commence work for a prime contractor under a Government contract. (False)
- d. Subcontractors have no negotiating leverage when dealing with a prime contractor. (False)