

COFPAES is opposed to the use of “contract bundling” by federal agencies in attempting to circumvent the Brooks A/E Act.

Contract bundling is most evident in contracts where the government consolidates two or more unrelated contract solicitations for supplies or services into a single solicitation. In such cases where A/E services are not the “dominant extent,” the government typically uses competitive low-bid procedures.

We believe that “dominant extent” language in the FAR has allowed the government to circumvent the requirements of the Brooks A/E Act, and is contrary to the original intent of the law.

Contract bundling creates a strong bias toward very large firms or management consultant entities.