

**Background**

When the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) was first conceived, COFPAES and others endorsed and supported the creation of such a body to oversee the procurement policies of the federal government. Although COFPAES has not always agreed with OFPP or its decisions, it continues to believe that OFPP can play an important role in addressing the concerns raised by the private sector.

**Position**

COFPAES supported the creation of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy as a means to better coordinate procurement procedures and policies among the various federal agencies. COFPAES favors continuation of that office, but believes its charter should be enlarged to provide more authority to require agencies to follow established procurement policies of the government, including the authority to require agencies to adhere to the provisions of law governing the A/E design professional qualifications based selection process as well as supporting regulations and procedures established by OFPP.