WFED CAO 2012 Mid-Year Survey



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1. I work at a: Response Percent Count Cabinet agency (i.e. Transportation, VA, etc.) Large agency (GSA, EPA, etc.) Small agency Small agency 1. I work at a: Response Count 62.5% 5 5 0.0% 0.0%

2. I'm a:		
	Response Percent	Response Count
CAO	12.5%	1
Deputy CAO/SPE	75.0%	6
Other senior level acquisition manager	12.5%	1
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3. I am a:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Career employee	87.5%	7
Political appointee	12.5%	1
	answered question	8
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4. OFPP's Mythbusters campaign is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Effective	37.5%	3
Losing steam	12.5%	1
Not effective	37.5%	3
Political theater	12.5%	1
	Comments:	0
	answered question	8
	skipped question	0

5. Over the last year, my agency's conversations with industry have:		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Gotten easier	37.5%	3
Gotten harder	0.0%	0
Stayed about the same	62.5%	5
	Comments:	0
	answered question	8
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because of a bid protest. Agree	Response Percent 25.0%	Response

7. Vendors are more aggressive in using bid protests than at any time in the last five years.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	50.0%	4
Disagree	50.0%	4
	Comments:	0
	answered question	8
	skipped question	0

8. How is the focus by OFPP and Congress on how agencies are using suspension and debarment changing the way your agency uses/views suspension and debarment?

	Response Percent	Response Count
We are more aggressive	37.5%	3
We haven't changed	62.5%	5
We are less aggressive	0.0%	0
	Comments:	1
	answered question	8
	skipped question	0

9. My agency is planning for potential budget cuts or sequestration by: (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Reviewing all contracts to determine what could be cut	28.6%	2
Delaying non-mission critical acquisitions	28.6%	2
Using multiple award contracts, such as GSA schedules, Strategic sourcing BPAs or other similar contracts	42.9%	3
Delaying hiring of new acquisition workers	0.0%	C
Delaying the training of current acquisition workers	14.3%	1
Not preparing for sequestration or budget cuts	57.1%	4
	Comments:	1
	answered question	7
	skipped question	1

10. How much impact would sequestration and budget cuts have on the acquisition workforce?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Significant impact	25.0%	2
Some impact	25.0%	2
Little impact	12.5%	1
No impact	0.0%	0
Not sure	37.5%	3

Comments:

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11. How often do you or your staff participate in TechStat sessions?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Every time a TechStat session occurs	25.0%	2
Sometimes when a session occurs	37.5%	3
Rarely when a session occcurs	25.0%	2
Never	12.5%	1

Comments:

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12. How useful do you think TechStat sessions are:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Very useful		14.3%	1
Somewhat useful		71.4%	5
Not useful at all		14.3%	1
		Comments:	1
		answered question	7
		skipped question	1
13. My agency is cutting tra	ining for the acquisition workforce).	
		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		12.5%	1
Disagree		87.5%	7
		Comments:	1

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4. My agency is:		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Spending more money on training the acquisition workforce	37.5%	(
Spending less money on training the acquisition workforce	12.5%	
Spending about the same amount of money to train acquisition workers.	50.0%	4
	Comments:	(
	answered question	8
	skipped question	
5. Please leave us any mo	re comments on the state of federal acquisition.	
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Q6. Whenever my agency runs a high profile/high dollar procurement, we plan for delays because of a bid protest.

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Q8. How is the focus by OFPP and Congress on how agencies are using suspension and debarment changing the way your agency uses/views suspension and debarment?

1 EPA established its Suspension and Debarment (S&D) Program in 1981 and is a recognized leader in the S&D field. The Program, administered by the Office of Grants and Debarment, consists of a Suspension and Debarment Division and a Suspension and Debarment Official's office. The division is responsible for working with the acquisition and grants management communities, the Office of Inspector General, the Criminal Investigation Division, the Office of General Counsel, and other agency partners to develop S&D cases. The division forwards those cases to the SDO, who makes independent determinations whether an entity or individual should be suspended or debarred. An entity or individual that objects to a SDO decision may file an appeal with the OGD Director. Besides these case responsibilities, both the division and the SDO's office substantially participate in the Interagency Suspension and Debarment Committee (ISDC). While EPA has had a strong S&D program for many years, it responded to the OMB Memorandum by identifying opportunities for improvement. EPA appointed the Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management (AA for OARM) as the Senior Accountable Official (SAC). In consultation with the SAC, the Directors of EPA's Office of Acquisition Management and OGD have issued necessary supplemental guidance for EPA's acquisition and assistance programs.

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Q9. My agency is planning for potential budget cuts or sequestration by: (check all that apply)

1 Not planning for sequestration

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Q10. How much impact would sequestration and budget cuts have on the acquisition workforce?

it always does. with the greying of the workforce and the inability to recruit and train new acquisition staff, we will be in real trouble very quickly. already the years of the mantra "do more with less" have stretched us to the breaking point.

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Q11. How often do you or your staff participate in TechStat sessions?		
1	When invited	Aug 13, 2012 12:22 PM
2	now called Portfolio Stat	Aug 8, 2012 4:29 PM
3	we are already short staffed and use the time to perform awards and administration.	Jul 27, 2012 6:01 PM

Q12. I	low useful do you think TechStat sessions are:	
1	Not Applicable	Aug 13, 2012 12:31 PM
Q13. I	ly agency is cutting training for the acquisition workforce.	
1	I have been able to defend it so far so not yet, but it is close.	Jul 27, 2012 6:01 PM
Q15. F	Please leave us any more comments on the state of federal acquisition.	

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The multiple requirements for reports and data calls are taking an ever-increasing bite out of the workday.

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