

Bite-Sized Videos on Hot Questions in Suspension & Debarment

===== Chapter 1 =====

Introduction

JOHN: Hello and thank you for your interest in learning more about Suspension & Debarment! We have a group of four interviews to share with you. These interviews of Suspension & Debarment Officials and Professionals from across the Federal Government will provide you with an advanced understanding of some of the nuances of Suspension & Debarment. If you're interested in a solid introduction to Suspension & Debarment, please visit the [General Services Administration's Suspension & Debarment Division's webpage](#).

Now, let me introduce our Suspension & Debarment topics that our interviewees will address.

Our first interview will clarify the differences between a Contracting Officer's responsibility determination under FAR 9.1 and a Suspension & Debarment Official's present responsibility inquiry under FAR 9.4.

Our second interview will explore why a contractor that has engaged in bad acts that constitute a crime or demonstrate a lack of integrity may be allowed to continue to receive Government contracts.

Our third interview will detail the various non-exclusionary actions that Suspension & Debarment Officials routinely take, and contrast those non-exclusionary actions with the limited number of exclusionary actions available to a Suspension & Debarment Official – those are suspensions, proposals for debarment, and debarments.

Our fourth interview will describe what members of the Acquisition Workforce, including Contracting Officers, Contracting Officers' Representatives, and Project Managers, can do to help the Suspension & Debarment system strengthen Government procurement.

We again thank you for taking time to learn more about Suspension & Debarment and hope you find all the information presented in these interviews valuable.

Let's get started.