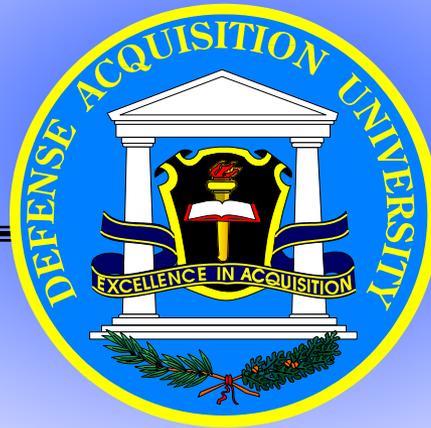


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Some Basics



vs.



*It's not
all
green!*



Some More Basics

U.S. Constitution, Art. I, § 8, grants to Congress the power to “. . . lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imports, and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States”

U.S. Constitution, Art. I, § 9, provides that “[N]o Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of an Appropriation made by Law.”

Even More Basics

Authorization Act



May I?

Appropriation Act



Where is the money?

Still More Basics

Congress passed the Anti-deficiency Act (ADA) to curb the fiscal abuses that frequently created “coercive deficiencies” that required supplemental appropriations. The Act consists of several statutes that mandate administrative and criminal sanctions for the unlawful use of appropriated funds. See 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1342, 1350, 1351, and 1511-1519.

Even Some More Basics

General Limitations on Authority.

PURPOSE

TIME

AMOUNT

Some Changes

- Free food
- Can't spend what Congress doesn't give you
- Training and accreditation
- Funding of mandatory requirements
- Army ten-miler
- Migrating training \$\$\$\$
- Revolving funds – illegal parking
- Improper payment to lawyers
- Construction funding
- Fees charged on multi-agency contracts
- The “Red Books”

Free Food

There is no such thing as a free lunch – well, not exactly.



Can't Spend What Congress Doesn't Give You

*Admit one to
Club Fed*



Training and Accreditation

Can you pay for non-government certification such as CPCM, CACM, or others???



Funding of Mandatory Requirements

*I need it now
but I don't have
any money.*



Army Ten-Miler

*It's not just
a race!*



Migrating Training \$\$\$\$\$

*Now you see it,
now you don't.*



Revolving funds – illegal parking

*But you said it
was “no year”
money!?!*



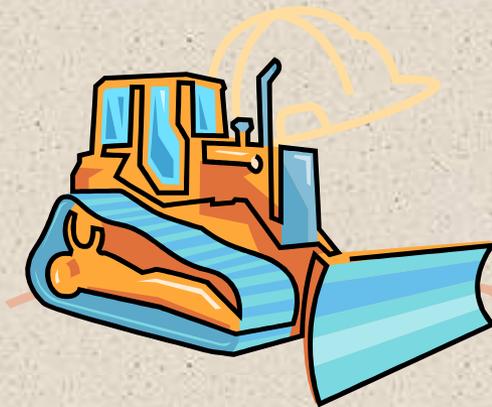
Improper payment to lawyers

So, sue me!



Construction Funding

***“Build it and
[we] will come.”***



Fees Charged on Multi-Agency Contracts

*Do you get
What you pay for?*



The “Red Books”

Principles of Federal Appropriations, Vol. I (1991)

Principles of Federal Appropriations, Vol. II (1992)

Principles of Federal Appropriations, Vol. III (1994)

Principles of Federal Appropriations, Vol. IV (2001)

Principles of Federal Appropriations, Vol. V (2002)



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