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Vendor Collusion in Public Contracting – Detection and Reporting

Join CCAO for a one-hour webinar on February 10 at 9:30 a.m. to hear about Vendor Collusion in Public Contracting—Detection and Reporting. Public purchasers and the taxpayers they serve benefit when vendors compete. Bid-rigging and other forms of vendor collusion are both costly and difficult to detect. This presentation will educate attendees on the basics of antitrust law and will identify some of the most common indicators that vendors may be working together instead of competing.

Attendees will hear real life examples of vendor misconduct impacting Ohio public purchasers and the litigation that the Ohio Attorney General’s Office has brought in an effort to recover the overcharges suffered by local governments, state agencies and other governmental bodies. The presenters will also describe the Ohio Attorney General’s Partnership for Competitive Purchasing, a voluntary program aimed at assisting public entities in detecting and remedying vendor misconduct.

Topics include:
- What are the warning signs or “red flags” of vendor collusion?
- How and when should you report irregularities in the bidding process?
- What techniques are available for detecting bid-rigging in electronic bids submitted online?

Speakers:

Jennifer L. Pratt, Esq. is the chief of the Antitrust Section of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and has participated in a wide array of major investigations and litigated matters. She has served as Amicus Vice Chair for the National Association of Attorneys General’s Antitrust Task Force since 2003. Jennifer received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Hanover College, her JD from Indiana University School of Law and her MBA from Indiana University Graduate School of Business.

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Webinar participation on February 10 is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning.

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For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research.