WFED Federal CAO Survey 2013



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1. I work at a:		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Cabinet Agency (i.e. Transportation, VA, etc.)	46.4%	13
Large agency (GSA, EPA, etc.)	35.7%	10
Small agency/Independent agency	17.9%	5
	answered question	28
	skipped question	1

2. I am a:		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Career employee	81.5%	22
Political appointee	18.5%	5
	answered question	27
	skipped question	2

3. I am a:

	Response Percent	e Response Count
CAO	28.6%	6 8
Senior Procurement Executive	28.6%	6 8
Other senior level acquisition manager	42.9%	á 12
	answered question	n 28
	skipped question	1

4. What are your top priorities for 2013? (Please rank in order) Ratin 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Averag 24.1% 17.2% 17.2% 3.4% 0.0% 3.4% 6.9% 0.0% 27.6% Workforce training 3.1 (7) (5) (5) (1) (0)(1) (2) (0)(8) 17.2% 3.4% 17.2% 0.0% 13.8% 13.8% 3.4% Reduce your agency's overall 10.3% 20.7% 4.8 contract spending (5) (1) (5) (0)(4) (3) (4) (1) (6) Move contracts from time and 13.8% 6.9% 3.4% 10.3% 10.3% 13.8% 13.8% 24.1% 3.4% materials/labor hours to firm fixed 5.1 (2) (1) (4)(3) (4) (3)(4)(1) (7) price Use strategic sourcing contracts 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 10.3% 13.8% 13.8% 20.7% 20.7% 20.7% 6.6 more often (0) (0)(0)(3) (4) (6) (6) (6) (4) 6.9% 31.0% 13.8% 10.3% 17.2% 0.0% 6.9% 6.9% 6.9% Hire more acquisition workers 4.0 (2) (4) (3) (5) (0) (2) (2) (2) (9) 27.6% 20.7% 6.9% 6.9% 6.9% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 31.0% Retain existing acquisition workers 2.5 (8) (9) (6) (2) (2) (2) (0)(0)(0)Reduce my contract/vendor 3.4% 6.9% 10.3% 13.8% 3.4% 13.8% 13.8% 17.2% 17.2% 5.6 workforce (2) (1) (3)(4) (1) (4) (5) (4) (5) Find efficiencies in the acquisition 6.9% 3.4% 13.8% 6.9% 3.4% 24.1% 13.8% 13.8% 13.8% process to help my agency deal 5.7 (1) (1) (4) (4) (2) (4) (2) (4) (7) with potential budget cuts Use more small businesses, 0.0% 0.0% 3.4% 6.9% 17.2% 10.3% 6.9% 10.3% 44.8% including 8(a), SDB, women-owned, 7.2 (0)(5) (3)(0)(1) (2) (3)(2)(13)HUBZone and Veteran-owned firms answered questio skipped questio

5. My agency's acquisition workforce is feeling the effects of my agency's budget challenges.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	93.1%	27
Disagree	6.9%	2
Not sure	0.0%	0
	Comments	17
	answered question	29
	skipped question	0

6. If you agreed with the previous statement, which areas are affected the most? (Rank all that apply)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Rating Average	Rating Count
Training	20.8% (5)	16.7% (4)	16.7% (4)	33.3% (8)	12.5% (3)	0.0%	3.00	24
Retaining workers	33.3% (8)	29.2% (7)	20.8% (5)	16.7% (4)	0.0%	0.0% (0)	2.21	24
Hiring more workers	16.7% (4)	37.5% (9)	8.3% (2)	20.8% (5)	12.5% (3)	4.2% (1)	2.88	24
Ability to manage contract/vendor workforce	4.2% (1)	0.0%	16.7% (4)	12.5% (3)	58.3% (14)	8.3% (2)	4.46	24
Managing projects	0.0%	12.5% (3)	33.3% (8)	16.7% (4)	16.7% (4)	20.8%	4.00	24
Other (Please go to Question 2)	25.0% (6)	4.2% (1)	4.2% (1)	0.0%	0.0%	66.7% (16)	4.46	24
						answered	question	24
						skipped	question	5

7. What are the other areas of your workforce being affected by budget challenges:

Response
Count

15

15	answered question	
14	skipped question	

8. What other acquisition areas are being impacted by potential budget reductions? (Rank all that apply)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Rating Average	Rating Count
More pressure to use strategic sourcing	11.1% (2)	27.8% (5)	16.7% (3)	5.6% (1)	0.0%	38.9% (7)	3.72	18
More pressure to cut contractor/vendors workforce	55.6% (10)	27.8% (5)	5.6% (1)	0.0%	11.1% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.83	18
Use more multiple award contracts (i.e. GSA schedules, GWACs)	5.6% (1)	27.8% (5)	50.0% (9)	5.6% (1)	5.6% (1)	5.6% (1)	2.94	18
Use fewer multiple award contracts (i.e. GSA schedules, GWACs)	0.0%	0.0% (0)	5.6% (1)	55.6% (10)	33.3% (6)	5.6% (1)	4.39	18
Enter into contracts that are longer in length	16.7% (3)	11.1% (2)	16.7% (3)	16.7% (3)	33.3% (6)	5.6% (1)	3.56	18
Enter into contracts that are shorter in length	11.1% (2)	5.6% (1)	5.6% (1)	16.7% (3)	16.7% (3)	44.4% (8)	4.56	18
						answered	l question	18
						skipped	question	11

9. What steps are you taking to improve your agency's acquisition workforce? (Rank all that apply)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rating Average	ı
Offering in-person classes	12.5%	33.3% (8)	20.8%	20.8%	4.2% (1)	8.3% (2)	0.0%	0.0%	2.96	
Offering online classes	12.5% (3)	12.5% (3)	41.7% (10)	16.7% (4)	8.3% (2)	4.2% (1)	4.2% (1)	0.0%	3.25	
Providing key acquisition workers with mentors	8.3% (2)	4.2% (1)	12.5% (3)	29.2% (7)	25.0% (6)	12.5% (3)	8.3% (2)	0.0%	4.29	
Using annuitants to help with complicated programs	8.3% (2)	4.2% (1)	4.2% (1)	8.3% (2)	25.0% (6)	29.2% (7)	16.7% (4)	4.2% (1)	5.13	
Developing a cadre of acquisition specialists	16.7% (4)	16.7% (4)	4.2% (1)	20.8%	12.5% (3)	25.0% (6)	4.2% (1)	0.0%	3.88	
Developing a cadre of program/project managers	8.3% (2)	8.3% (2)	8.3% (2)	0.0%	25.0% (6)	12.5% (3)	37.5% (9)	0.0%	5.13	
We are not taking any steps to improve our acquisition workforce	8.3% (2)	4.2% (1)	4.2% (1)	4.2% (1)	0.0%	4.2% (1)	20.8%	54.2% (13)	6.50	
Other: (Please tell us what other steps you are taking in Question 2)	25.0% (6)	16.7% (4)	4.2% (1)	0.0%	0.0%	4.2% (1)	8.3% (2)	41.7% (10)	4.88	

answered question

skipped question

10. Other steps you are taking to improve your agency's acquistion workforce?

Response Count

17

answered question	17
skipped question	12

11. Despite budget concerns, my agency is still hiring acquisition workers.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	28.0%	7
Disagree	68.0%	17
Not sure	4.0%	1
	Comments:	11

Comments:	
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skipped question

12. My agency is losing acquisition workers to:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Other agencies	87.0%	20
Private sector companies	39.1%	9
Retirement	65.2%	15
Non-acquisition positions in government	13.0%	3

Other (Please specify)

answered question

6

skipped question 6

13. Strategic sourcing will	save my agency money.
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	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	41.7%	10
Disagree	37.5%	9
Not sure	20.8%	5
	Comments	6

answered question	24
skipped question	5

14. Strategic sourcing is good for small businesses.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	8.0%	2
Disagree	40.0%	10
Not sure	52.0%	13

Comments

3

25	answered question	
4	skipped question	

	Response Percent	Response Count
Effective	4.0%	1
Somewhat effective	28.0%	7
Not effective	52.0%	13
Not sure	16.0%	4
	Comments:	4

ed question 25	answered question	
ed question 4	skipped question	

16. How well does your agency communicate on procurement matters with industry?

	Respons Percen	-
Effectively	80.0	% 20
Somewhat effectively	20.0	% 5
Not effectively	0.0	% 0
Not sure	0.0	% 0
	Commen	its 3
	answered question	on 25
	skipped question	on 4

17. How often do you look to the commercial world for examples that can be used in government?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Often	60.0%	15
Sometimes	40.0%	10
Rarely	0.0%	0
Never	0.0%	0
	Comments:	4

answered question 25
skipped question 4

18. How often does your agency seek out and take advantage of successful commercial practices?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Often	76.0%	19
Sometimes	24.0%	6
Rarely	0.0%	0
Never	0.0%	0

Comments:

6

answered question 25
skipped question 4

19. To what degree is OFPP's requirement to write a business case for new multiple award contracts having an impact?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Significant	8.3%	2
Somewhat	45.8%	11
A little	20.8%	5
None	25.0%	6
	Comments:	6

answered question	24
skipped question	5

20. Acquisition planning has become more important at my agency over the last year.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	60.0%	15
Disagree	36.0%	9
Not sure	4.0%	1

Comments:

8

answered question 25
skipped question 4

21. Do you expect more contract protests in the co

	Response Percent	
Yes	33.3%	8
No	54.2%	13
Not sure	12.5%	3

Comments:

2

6

answered question	24
skipped question	5

22. My agency is making greater use of suspension and debarment processes.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	16.0%	4
Disagree	76.0%	19
Not sure	8.0%	2

Comments:

answered question 25
skipped question 4

3. Oversight of the acquisi	tion process by GAO, IGs and Congress has:	
	Response Percent	Respons Count
Increased over the last year	88.0%	2
Decreased over the last year	0.0%	
Stayed about the same over the last year	8.0%	
Not sure	4.0%	
	Comments:	
	answered question	;
	skipped question	
4. Any other comments ab	skipped question oout the state of federal acquisition?	
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