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Panel: Cost Accounting Standards Changes | 2-2:30 pm

Tom is a focused leader known for skilled execution, clear communication, and high-impact results. He integrates teams of contractor employees and consultants to analyze regulations, allocations, and costs, devising action plans that fit within the business and minimize economic impact of government findings. As a consultant, internal auditor, and financial statement auditor, he has served more than half of the top 50 Government Contractors per Washington Technology, including global professional services firms with upwards of $250 billion in combined annual revenue. He has over 30 years of experience working with government and commercial contractors across industries, including aerospace, construction, shipbuilding, contingency operations, information technology (IT) services, engineering, healthcare, and professional services.

Tom specializes in helping contractors undertake transformational initiatives, develop effective cost accounting structures and systems, and reengineer business processes subject to Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Business Systems rules.

He leads teams in all phases of the federal government procurement cycle, including proposal assistance, overhead rate design and implementation, preparation of incurred cost submissions, Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) disclosure statements, contractor Business Systems reviews, internal control assessments, contract closeouts, and contract cost impacts. Helps contractors evaluate and document compliance with the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

Tom proactively assesses risks in relation to compliance requirements, often unearthing potential noncompliance for proactive remediation under contracts for the Acquisition of Commercial Products and Services as well as Negotiated contracts (FAR Parts 12 and 15). He makes complex government contracting jargon understandable.

Tom negotiates and resolves audit issues raised by the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Offices of Inspector General (OIGs), and the

Department of Justice (DOJ). He has developed and negotiated termination settlement proposals, claims, and REAs; analyzed cost impacts arising from changes to or noncompliance with cost accounting practices.

He advises contractors and their legal counsel in matters requiring discovery of financial information and preparation of forensic analyses for litigation or resolution of disputes. Thomas leads investigations into allegations of accounting irregularities regarding cost allowability, cost allocability, and regulatory compliance under the FAR, Cost Accounting Standards, and Truthful Cost or Pricing Data Act (formerly known as Truth in Negotiations Act).