Contract changes are a fundamental part of federal construction contracting. They are, unfortunately, also the biggest source of conflict and dispute between the government and construction contractors. This session will cover simple rules to use to avoid disruptions to the project and increase the likelihood of prompt payment. Government contracting attorney, Maria L. Panichelli, will discuss how to determine if a government request constitutes a “change” to the contract, and the types of changes that are most likely to cause conflicts. Special attention will be given to communication, professionalism, and the proper role of performance reviews in the negotiation process.

Compliance with prevailing wage rates is another important component of federal construction contracting. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division is responsible for administering and enforcing the Davis Bacon and Related Acts (DBA and DBRA), which cover workers on federal construction projects, and on construction contracts with state and local governments that are federally financed or assisted, in whole or in part. Contractors and subcontractors must pay laborers and mechanics employed directly upon the site of work at least the locally prevailing wages (including fringe benefits), listed in the Davis-Bacon wage determination in the contract. Karen Welton, from the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage & Hour Division will review who is covered under the Act, the basic requirements, and typical problems that are encountered.

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Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  Registration
                  Coffee and Danish
                  NOVA Place
                  (Formerly Allegheny Center)
                  Pittsburgh, PA

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.  Welcome to Nova Place
                  Judy McNeil
                  Director
                  Diversity Business Resource Center

9:10 – 9:30 a.m.  Services Available
                  Tyler S. Verin
                  Manager, Pittsburgh Satellite Office
                  GACO, California University of PA

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Changes to Federal
                  Construction Contracts:
                  Maria L. Panichelli
                  Partner
                  Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall
                  & Furman PC
                  How to avoid conflict
                  and get paid

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Networking Break

11:00 – Noon  Davis Bacon Requirements
                  in Federal Contracts
                  Karen Welton
                  Community Outreach &
                  Resource Planning Specialist
                  U.S. Department of Labor, Wage &
                  Hour Division