California Public Contract Law

Basic Principles and Special Requirements

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PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW is an easy-to-use, concise reference on State of California laws governing the public contracting processes used by federal, state, regional, and local agencies in California. The book reviews key requirements, suggests model provisions, and provides extensive references for relevant statutes and regulations. An important resource for bidders, agency administrators, and contractors involved in public contracting law in California.

INCLUDED IN THIS BOOK—

- A general introduction to public contract law
- A guide to the basic provisions found in most public contracts, such as scope of work, termination clauses, and language relating to ownership of a finished work product
- A summary of major civil and criminal prohibitions, in both federal and state law, applicable to bidders, government contractors, contract administrators, and public officials responsible for approving contracts
- A list of some useful, free legal research sites on the Internet as Appendix A
- A summary of frequently used provisions of the Public Contract Code and the Public Utilities Code as Appendix B
- A table of authorities, index, and list of frequently used acronyms

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