

Post-Midterm Election Preparation for Government Contractors: A Political Risk Strategy Assessment

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Jenner & Block Partners David Robbins and Ashley Callen authored a feature comment in *The Government Contractor*, the premier trade publication for professionals in the government contracting industry, assessing the political risk landscape facing contractors ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

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With the 2026 midterms approaching, David and Ashley warn that a Democratic majority could trigger sweeping congressional oversight of government contractors supporting Trump Administration priorities, including immigration enforcement, DOGE, surveillance, and AI programs, drawing on the precedent of Chairman Henry Waxman's more than 100 oversight hearings following the 2006 midterms.

The authors offer a five-pillar framework to prepare: build the legal record now, perform impeccably and document government direction, harden ethics and compliance programs, pursue legal and acquisition defenses, and cultivate bipartisan congressional relationships before a subpoena arrives.

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