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With federal fiscal year 2024 in the rearview mirror, it is again time to analyze the suspension and debarment activity in certain federal agencies.

This is the ninth year of this analysis, which seeks to fill the information vacuum using publicly available data from the System for Award Management.[1] This analysis is taken directly from the authoritative government database, in near-real time, to provide a better understanding of the enforcement climate facing government contractors.

Now for an important caveat. For the past nine years, this analysis has focused on a subset of federal agencies with suspension and debarment authority and a nexus to government contracting. This analysis excludes agencies focusing on issues and industries that are less relevant to the government contracts community in an attempt to be as targeted as possible.

This analysis, which will be explained in more detail below, shows two different trends.

First, the multiyear decline of suspensions and debarment for firms (companies with traditional indicia of being government contractors) and special entities (companies that do not appear to be contractors) has slowed. Their numbers still decreased, but by comparatively little.

And second, there is a sharp decline in suspensions and debarments of individuals — again.

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