

Public Contracts

Public works projects and other contracts with public entities present challenges at every stage for all parties involved. The road from project conception and bidding to successful project completion can be a long one; complex and ever-changing state, local, and federal laws and regulations overlay the practical challenges and potential conflicts inherent in any ambitious project. Having experienced and knowledgeable counsel to guide public entities and those who work with them during the course of a project can make the difference between a boon and a boondoggle.

Successfully Shepherding Projects; Efficiently Resolving Disputes

At Gibbs Giden, we understand the unique landscape of public contracting. Our public works, construction, and contract attorneys have guided successful public projects of all kinds and sizes for four decades. Public entities and private contractors alike have put their trust in our experience, judgment, and insight. A long list of successful projects and procurement contracts throughout California and Nevada bear the marks of Gibbs Giden's participation and leadership, and we continue to be at the forefront of public contract law.

When disputes arise, Gibbs Giden litigators craft and implement strategies focused on efficiently and positively resolving such conflicts whether in the courtroom, in an alternative forum or at the negotiating table. We bring both advocacy skills and business savvy to all public contract disputes, including large delay and disruption cases such as those involving including the construction of various Metro Rail Transit projects, the Port of Long Beach, San Francisco International Airport, John Wayne Airport in Orange County, the Los Angeles County Central Jail Expansion Project, the Space Shuttle launch facility at Vandenberg Air Force Base, and the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant in Los Angeles.

Seasoned Representation for Bidders, Contractors, and Public Entities Alike

We provide seasoned representation for contractors, suppliers, and subcontractors on state, federal, and local agency procurement contracts and construction projects. Our work for these entities also informs the representation we provide to public agencies (and vice versa) in planning and managing their projects to ensure that they are delivered on time and within budget. Such projects include the City of Pasadena's rose

Bowl Renovation and Improvements, Diamond Valley Lake constructed by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Alameda Corridor project running between the Ports of Los Angeles, and Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles and the expansion of the Anaheim Convention Center.

Our complete suite of public contract legal services includes:

- Contract negotiation and drafting
- Contract compliance
- Contract administration, including change orders, performance and payment bonds issues, insurance claims, and coverage and warranties
- Labor and employment issues
- Wage and hours compliance
- Bidder disqualification and disbarment
- Bid protests
- Performance disputes
- Claims for additional payment
- False claims allegations
- Government audits and investigations
- Subcontractor listing law disputes
- Administrative proceedings
- Litigation in state and federal courts, including the U.S. Court of Claims

Contact Gibbs Giden to Obtain Assistance With Public Contract Matters Today

To learn more about Gibbs Giden's public contracts practice and how we can help bring your critical agreements and projects to fruition, please call our Los Angeles office at 310-552-3400, our Westlake office at 805-261-1777, our Irvine office at 949-287-8044, or our Las Vegas office at 702-836-9800, or contact us online. We look forward to assisting you.