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CENTRE'S FCI ANNOUNCES IP SEMINAR FOR CONTRACTING PROFESSIONALS

The seminar, taught by two industry veterans, tackles some of the toughest but most important issues facing today's professionals.

VIENNA, Va – March 14, 2007 – Centre Consulting's Federal Contracting Institute will hold its popular seminar on intellectual property rights under federal transactions on March 28th and 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Tysons Corner. The seminar, led by two veteran federal contracting experts, will address some of the top issues facing the industry today including legal issues affecting inventions, trade secrets, copyrights, proprietary data and computer software.

"Today's contracting professionals must interpret and understand the complicated rules and regulations governing intellectual property. When the federal government is involved, numerous complex laws, regulations and policy considerations arise," Centre President and co-founder Barbara Kinosky said. "This course provides an in-depth understanding of the issues impacting intellectual property under federal contracts, grants and cooperative agreements. Attendees will leave with the practical skills needed to draft solid agreements," she said.

Leading the seminar is Chris Johnson, Esq. Johnson is a senior federal procurement attorney with nearly 20 years of experience providing legal and procurement consulting services in the federal contract arena to industry executives and government officials. His expertise includes various aspects of federal contracting such as competition requirements, development and administration of performance-based contracts, reasonable pricing determinations and legal strategies for federal acquisition of information technology.

Joining Johnson is Harrie Samaras, Esq. who has specialized in intellectual property law for more than twenty years. Samaras began this part of her career as a Patent Examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In addition to representing clients in private practice, she served as Vice President, Intellectual Property, for an internationally based drug delivery company and Director, IP Litigation for a Fortune 500 telecommunications company. At RatnerPrestia, she focuses her practice on intellectual property litigation and alternative dispute resolution which includes serving as an arbitrator and mediator.

Topics covered in the seminar include the legal basics of patents, copyrights, trade secrets and software licensing; federal policies affecting intellectual property development under federal funded arrangements; contractor and government rights under traditional government contracts, grants and GSA schedules; procurement and protection of computer software; and funding issues affecting ownership of intellectual property.

Attendees will learn how to recognize patent, technical data and software licensing issues; negotiate key clauses in software licensing agreements; implement strategies for acquiring or maintaining intellectual rights under federal transactions; effectively negotiate intellectual property agreements; and navigate the FAR and DFAR data rights clauses.

To register, contact Charlese Baskins at cbaskins@centreconsult.com or call Centre at (703) 288-2800.

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