George Mason University Establishes Center for Government Contracting

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George Mason University’s School of Business has established the Center for Government Contracting, the nation’s first academic center that is the research, education, training, and collaboration nexus for government, industry, and academia to address issues in government contracting.

“Elevating the university’s Government Contracting Initiative to full center status brings resources to bear that will drive engagement and support strategies for student success, and drive increased faculty engagement with government, industry, alumni, and other stakeholders,” said School of Business Dean Maury Peiperl. “It also will support the creation of new assets for the entire GovCon community and fuel thought leadership in the field of government contracting at George Mason University.”

Mason’s School of Business is uniquely positioned to create this center because of the composition of its faculty and students and its geographic proximity to Washington, D.C., and the many headquarters of companies that make up the $500 billion government contracting industry.

The center will conduct a series of programs, courses, and activities that will bring this vision of research, education, training, and collaboration to life, and will position Mason as a driver of the conversation and a leader in building government contracting competencies for Mason students, the industry and government.

“We are also developing exciting sets of partnerships with government and industry,” said Jerry McGinn, executive director of the Center for Government Contracting. “And we have launched research efforts to help explore important business issues facing the government contracting community.”

The Center for Government Contracting’s first public event will be “Growth Drivers in the Government Contracting Marketplace,” on Dec. 11 at the Falls Church (Va.) Fairview Park Marriott, from noon-1:30 p.m. The event will explore recent business trends with several prominent analysts and practitioners who have studied and lived the dynamics of the government contracting marketplace. Learn more and register here.

The Center’s website is www.govcon.gmu.edu.
About George Mason

George Mason University is Virginia’s largest public research university. Located near Washington, D.C., Mason enrolls 37,000 students from 130 countries and all 50 states. Mason has grown rapidly over the past half-century and is recognized for its innovation and entrepreneurship, remarkable diversity and commitment to accessibility.