

## **CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN SERVICES COURSE AGENDA**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2026 – Thursday, September 24, 2026**  
*In Person at the School of Government and Online via Zoom*

### **LIVE LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

**Tuesday, Sept. 22**

**Day 1: The Basics**

**(3.0 hours of education; 3.5 hours of total time)**

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| 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.        | Introduction and Course Overview (.25 hr.)<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i><br>UNC School of Government                                |
| 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.        | Basic Legal Requirements for Procuring Construction and Repair (1.25 hr.)<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i><br>UNC School of Government |
| <b>2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.        | Qualifications Based Selection & the Mini-Brooks Act (.5 hr.)<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i> ,<br>UNC School of Government           |
| <b>3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.        | Construction, Repair, or Service: Which One Is It? (1.0 hr.)<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i> ,<br>UNC School of Government            |

**Wednesday, Sept. 23**  
**Day 2: Construction Assurances and Construction Methods**  
**(5.5 hours of education; 7 hours of total time)**

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| 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.         | Payment and Performance Bonds on Public Projects: Lecture (1.25 hr.)<br>David Senter, <i>Senior Counsel</i> , Maynard Nexsen                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.        | When Bidders Make Mistakes: Lecture & Exercise (1.5 hr.)<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i> ,<br>UNC School of Government                                                                                                           |
| <b>12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.          | Ask the Experts: Experienced Construction Professionals Panel (1.5 hr.)<br>Rod Malone, <i>Attorney</i> , Tharrington Smith<br>Laura Miller, <i>Vice President and Principal</i> , LS3P Architects<br>Fredrick Davis, II, Chief Operating Officer, Orange County Public Schools |
| <b>2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.</b>   | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.          | A Primer on the Uniform Guidance and Public Construction<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i><br>UNC School of Government                                                                                                             |

**Thursday, Sept. 24**  
**Day 3: Construction Contracts in Practice**  
**(6.0 hours of education; 7.25 hours of total time)**

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| 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.         | Contractor Licensing Requirements: Lecture (1.25 hr.)<br>Anna Choi, <i>Executive Director and General Counsel</i> , N.C. Licensing Board<br>for General Contractors                                                                                   |
| <b>10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.        | Expediting Construction Using Statutory Exceptions and Existing Contracts<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i><br>UNC School of Government<br><br>Fran Cameron, <i>Purchasing Manager</i><br>Guilford County |
| 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.        | Storm Clouds Are Gathering: When Things Begin to Go Wrong<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i> ,<br>UNC School of Government<br><br>Fran Cameron, <i>Purchasing Manager</i><br>Guilford County               |
| <b>12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.          | Case Studies and Exercises<br>Crista M. Cuccaro, <i>Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government</i><br>UNC School of Government<br><br>Fran Cameron, <i>Purchasing Manager</i><br>Guilford County                                                |
| 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.          | Wrap-up and Adjourn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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*Attendance Policy*

In order to receive a course completion certificate, participants must attend all sessions. Failure to satisfy this requirement may result in the instructor not issuing a course completion certificate.

*Completion of Knowledge Check*

To receive a course completion certificate from the School of Government, course participants must complete a 20-question multiple choice question “Knowledge Check” prior to midnight at the end of the day on Thursday, October 1. No minimum score is required to obtain a course completion certificate. The Knowledge Check will be available after the class ends, around 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24.