

Miami Valley & Ohio Valley Joint Chapters Meeting

Course Description Quick Guide

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<p>An Ounce of Prevention: Protecting Your Purchasing Process from Unscrupulous Vendors</p> <p>Jennifer L. Pratt, Chief of Anti Trust Section, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Anthony Dillard, Investigator, Antitrust Section, Ohio Attorney General</p>	<p>Bid-rigging and other collusive vendor schemes can be extremely costly to public entities and the taxpayers they serve. While it is possible to pursue the wrongdoers and recover overcharges once you have been the victim of an illegal vendor agreement, it is neither easy nor quick to do so. A public purchaser's best course of action is to insulate the purchasing process as much as possible from the outset from these types of schemes. This presentation will educate attendees on the basics of antitrust law and will offer a proactive approach to deterring collusion at every stage of a competitive solicitation.</p> <p>The presenters will suggest best practices on topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid specifications – drafting tips; • Vendor contracts – suggested terms and conditions; • Bid packet preparation – what you should include and why; and • Documenting bid files – the importance of keeping good notes.
<p>Ohio's Ethics Laws for Treasurers</p> <p>Erin Wessendorf-Wortman, Attorney, Ennis Britton Co., LPA</p>	<p>This one hour long training is designed to review Ohio Ethics Laws and common ethics issues that arise for public employees and officials.</p> <p>The presenter will cover topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What laws are in play for Ohio Ethics • Public Contracts • Post-Employment/Representation Restrictions • Conflict of Interest • Supplemental Compensation
<p>What's in Store for 2017?</p> <p>Jennifer C. Trowbridge, CFA, Managing Principal & Portfolio Manager, RedTree Investment Group</p>	<p>Discuss the current economic environment and expectations for interest rates in 2017. Look at multiple economic indicators and their potential effect on the Federal Reserve's decision making for the year. Considerations for best investment options to maximize interest earnings while mitigating investment risks given likely rise of interest rates during the year. Attendees will obtain information to supplement their knowledge and awareness of economic indicators and how decisions made by the Federal Reserve influences interest rates. Attendees will gain a better understanding of how to prepare District's investments if there is an increase in interest rates and what investment options are available to maximize earnings in today's markets.</p>