

2017 GSHRM Governmental Affairs Committee Report
Legislative Hot Topics
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FEDERAL REGULATORY AND OTHER ACTION

Federal Contractors

Action	Responsible Agency
<p>President Trump Rescinds “Blacklisting Order”</p> <p>President Trump has signed H.J. Res. 37 into law, repealing the Obama administration’s Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces rule (or the “Blacklisting Order”) that would have required federal contractors to publicly disclose violations or alleged violations of labor laws when bidding on certain federal contracts. The resolution also rescinds provisions that would have required contractors to disclose wages and benefits paid to employees. President Trump also signed an Executive Order revoking in their entirety Executive Orders 13673 and 13738, which were issued by President Obama and provided support to the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces rule.</p>	<p>Office of the President</p>

Immigration

Action	Responsible Agency
<p>Courts Block President Trump’s New Travel Ban Executive Order</p> <p>On March 6, 2017, President Trump issued a new travel ban. Executive Order 13780 revokes the earlier travel ban issued in January 2017 and restricts travel from Iran, Libya, Yemen, Syria, Sudan and Somalia, removing Iraq from the list of restricted countries. Prior to the effective date of March 16, federal courts in Hawaii and Maryland issued orders blocking the implementation of the travel ban portions of the Executive Order. The court orders apply nationwide.</p>	<p>Office of the President</p>
<p>USCIS Suspends Premium Processing of H-1B Petitions</p> <p>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced that starting April 3, 2017, the agency will temporarily suspend premium processing for all H-1B petitions. USCIS expects the suspension to last up to six months. While premium processing is suspended, petitioners may submit a request to expedite an H-1B petition if they meet certain criteria. USCIS will notify the public when it resumes premium processing for H-1B petitions.</p>	<p>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</p>

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