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# Federal Software Contract Negotiation Checklist

Stop overpaying for software licenses Master these 5 key areas



### Preparation is everything

- Pull actual usage data (not estimates)
- Research government-specific pricing
- Start 9+ months before expiration
- Assemble your negotiation team



Most agencies wait too long and lose leverage

#### Use what makes you unique

- Emphasize FedRAMP vendor investment
- Offer multi-year budget certainty
- Coordinate with other agencies
- Request federal reference value



Vendors invested \$2.25M+ for **your** business



#### What to fight for

- Government-specific pricing tiers
- Multi-year price protection
- Flexible user count adjustments
- Dedicated federal support



Federal pricing is often 10-20% lower

#### Non-negotiable requirements

- Current FedRAMP authorization
- US data residency requirements
- Termination for convenience
- Performance guarantees



Protect your agency and mission



#### Make sure it actually works

- Include training in contract
- Define clear success metrics
- Plan phased deployment
- Document lessons learned



Great contracts fail without great rollouts



## Ready to optimize your negotiations?



**Quick Win:** Ask for federal pricing first—often 10-20% lower than commercial rates



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We help federal agencies save millions on software licensing while maintaining compliance and security standards.