On September 24, the White House's "Safer Federal Workforce Task Force" issued new guidance regarding vaccination requirements and other COVID-safety measures for federal contractor employees. This Guidance implements President Biden's Executive Order regarding COVID precautions for government contractors, issued September 9, 2021.

### Does this guidance impact my organization?

While the contract clause implementing this guidance and the definition of a "covered contract" is not yet final, the guidance indicates it could be broadly defined with minimal exceptions. ATI anticipates the clause will ultimately be included/modified into many, if not all, of our federally funded contracts and agreements (i.e., OTAs) and the clause will be a required flowdown. Your organization may also have other contracts/subcontracts subject to this guidance.

### When will this action occur?

The Government contracting offices we are working with have not provided any specifics on timing, but we are continuing to monitor. We expect some could take action to incorporate this guidance as early as mid-October.

### What should I do now?

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the guidance and begin planning now if you anticipate being considered a "covered contractor." Per the guidance, "Covered contractor employees must be fully vaccinated no later than December 8, 2021. After that date, all covered contractor employees must be fully vaccinated by the first day of the period of performance on a newly awarded covered contract, and by the first day of the period of performance on an exercised option or extended or renewed contract when the clause has been incorporated into the covered contract."

For more information, please register for either of these upcoming webinars (linked below). Experts from Crowell & Moring LLP - Michelle Coleman, Kathryn Erno, and Tom Gies - will lead these informative webinars, which will also feature a Q&A session.

**Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 11 am ET**

**Friday, Oct. 15 at 2 pm ET**
We welcome your questions in advance of these webinars, so we can tailor the briefing to your needs. You can reply to this email with those questions or send a message to pmoffice@ati.org.

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