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The long, painful death of cap-and-trade legislation in 2010 finally came to an end in July when Senator Harry Reid announced that the Senate would not be pursuing a comprehensive energy bill. But the Obama Administration has quietly been implementing other policies that will phase in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reporting requirements, drastically reshape the federal procurement system, and ultimately create a market for emissions reductions. Contractors and vendors that are prepared to report GHG emissions could benefit tremendously from the shift in procurement.

Executive Order Prompts GSA Action

In October 2009, President Barack Obama signed Executive Order 13514, which included a number of stringent sustainability requirements for the federal government.¹ Among the various requirements, Section 13 asked the GSA to make recommendations regarding "requiring contractors . . . to develop and make available its greenhouse gas inventory and description of efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions." The GSA

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responded with its report "Executive Order 13514 Section 13: Recommendations for Vendor and Contractor Emissions," which is currently being reviewed by the Administration.² Importantly, the GSA report concludes that it is feasible to implement a "phased approach, for the Federal Government to track and reduce its ... supply chain emissions through coordination with suppliers and other stakeholders." The report goes on to propose the implementation of a voluntary GHG emissions reporting mechanism for contractors and vendors over the two years starting in 2011. [Read more...](#)

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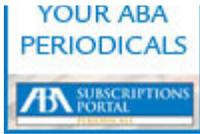
APPOINTMENT OF THE FORUM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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