

Alex Sarria Comments on DoD Potentially Moving on from JEDI in Federal Computer Week

"DoD Signals It Could Move on from JEDI if Court Battles Drag Out"

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Alex Sarria, Member of Miller & Chevalier Chartered, commented on the Defense Department (DoD) signaling that it does not have infinite patience with the lengthy court battles holding up its \$10 billion Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) cloud program. Amazon Web Services claimed that political influence from the Trump administration tainted the outcome of the JEDI bid process; the DoD's Office of the Chief Information Officer is expecting a "significant ruling" on the matter in the coming weeks. Sarria told FCW that the case could drag out if the court denies DoD's motion to dismiss the political interference. "That result would require more factual development to substantiate the allegations of bad faith," Sarria said, and could raise highly sensitive questions about the public statements and conduct of senior White House and DoD officials. "That process would take time and could be extremely burdensome on the government."