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### **Government Oversight of ARRA Dollars -- A True Faustian Bargain**

The intrusive nature of the oversight mechanisms that are available to the Government under the Recovery Act is unprecedented in federal contracting. It is a subject that has been dealt with previously in this blog (click [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). For a useful PowerPoint summary of these mechanisms, click [here](#). This link was used as the basis for a presentation at the recent 16th Annual Procurement Institute in which the acceptance of ARRA dollars was said to evoke memories of a 1959 movie starring James Cagney and Don Murray entitled "Shake Hands With the Devil." We leave it to you to decide if the title is apt.

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