

Subject: AMENDMENT TO ANNOUNCEMENT: NPS - Call for Applications for 2008 -2010, MSPM, Distance Learning

The purpose of this announcement is to inform you that the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Master of Science in Program Management (MSPM) program has been extended to 15 May 2008. In addition, the NPS eligibility requirements have been expanded to include all the acquisition career fields. The complete list of career fields eligible to apply are listed below in paragraph 4 of this email.

NPS and its School of Business and Public Policy recently announced the offering of an eight quarter part-time MSPM which will be conducted by distance learning. The program will be delivered exclusively over the Internet using ELUMINATE, an Internet Web-conferencing tool, in two 3-hour sessions per week. To use ELUMINATE, students will need Internet access, a PC microphone and a PC camera (optional). No special software is required for ELUMINATE.

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) will centrally fund up to 20 Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) Workforce members for participation in the program. You must meet the NPS prerequisites and USAASC eligibility requirements to be considered for the program. You must apply, be accepted and have a letter of acceptance from NPS before your application can be considered by the selection board. The letter of acceptance can be obtained from NPS. For more information on how to apply, click on the following link and then click on "Admissions."

<http://www.nps.navy.mil/gsbpp/mspm/>

Listed below are the NPS eligibility requirements:

- Baccalaureate degree with a minimum undergraduate quality point rating of 2.20
- Completed a college algebra or pre-calculus course
- Full certification at Level II or higher in one of the following career fields:
 - Program Management
 - Contracting
 - Industrial/Contract Property Management
 - Purchasing
 - Production, Quality and Manufacturing
 - Business, Cost Estimating and Financial Management
 - Facilities Engineering
 - Information Technology
 - Life-Cycle Logistics
 - Test and Evaluation
 - Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering (RD&E) - Program Systems Engineer
 - Systems Planning, RD&E - Development and Engineering - Science and Technology Management
 - Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering - Systems Engineering

(Note: Each of these certifications must have been accomplished under the provisions of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) or the equivalent for non-DOD personnel.)

In addition to the NPS requirements listed above, you must meet the following eligibility requirements to be selected and receive funding from USAASC:

- Be a civilian member of the AL&T Workforce
- Be a GS-12/13 or equivalent grade within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System
- Be certified in your current acquisition career field
- Be serving in a competitive appointment Tenure Group 1 or 2
- Have a Letter of Acceptance from NPS

MSPM Program Information:

The MSPM degree is designed to provide acquisition professionals in the DOD and other federal agencies a defense-focused advanced degree in a distance learning format. The curriculum is designed

to provide acquisition professionals with the knowledge, skills and abilities to lead and manage effectively. Students will engage in the study of concepts, methodologies and analytical techniques necessary for successful leadership of programs/projects within complex organizations. The curriculum focuses on problem solving and decision making within the acquisition environment using case studies, teaming exercises, hands-on applications, active participation, research and integrative exercises. Lecture and laboratory sessions require the application of critical thinking to problem solving within notional and actual situations.

Students who complete the degree program will receive the following:

- Master of Science in Program Management
- Level III training requirements for Program Manager (PMT 352) and Logistics (LOG 301)
- Level II for Software Acquisition (SAM 201), Systems Engineering (SYS 201), Production, Quality, Manufacturing (PQM 101/201)
- Level I in Contracting (CON 101)
- DAWIA requirements for 24 hours of business subjects and 40 continuous learning points

The MSPM is tentatively scheduled to commence the second week of July 2008, and will conclude with graduation in June 2010. Additional information about the program can be reviewed at:

<http://www.nps.navy.mil/gsbpp/mspm/>

How to Apply: The NPS-MSPM application is an automated process. Applications should be submitted through the Army Acquisition Professional Development System (AAPDS). AAPDS can be accessed via your CAMP login at <https://rda.altess.army.mil/camp/>. The user name and password will be the same as the one used to access the Individual Development Plan (IDP) and Acquisition Career Record Brief (ACRB). Applicants must still use the IDP to annotate their training courses and programs. AAPDS is connected to the IDP and will import supervisory approved training into the application system. Once in AAPDS, applicants should click on the event entitled "AETE NPS 836 MSPM 2008-2010" and follow the tabs to submit your application requirements.

NOTE: Do not submit these documents to NPS. All the documents listed below should be submitted in AAPDS. You will be required to submit the following information/documents using AAPDS:

- AETE Applicants Data
- ACRB
- NPS Acceptance
- Statement of Interest
- Utilization Plan
- Performance Appraisals
- Agreement
- Resume

If you meet the eligibility requirements for the program, please click on the following link to apply:

https://rda.altess.army.mil/camp/apps/cappmis/oldModules/aapds/select_event.cfm

Individuals will be notified by USAASC of their selection in June 2008. For additional information, please contact Gloria R. King, at commercial (703) 805-1251/DSN 655-1251, or e-mail:

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