

Information Paper

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SUBJECT: FA51 Intermediate Qualification Course (IQC)

1. Purpose. To provide background information and description of FA51 Intermediate Qualification Course (IQC).
2. Background. Guidance from the Military Deputy (MILDEP) to the Army Acquisition Executive (AAE) was to concentrate our functional-area specific Intermediate Level Education (ILE) follow-on course on leadership training and not certification training. Additionally, the Civilian Competitive Development Group (CDG) program manager decided to leverage IQC to provide acquisition leadership to CDG candidates in lieu of more expensive leadership programs.
3. Facts.
 - a. FA51 IQC is the Army Acquisition Corps' functional-area specific intermediate qualification course. FA51 IQC is part of the overall FA51 Leader Development Plan for captains and majors.
 - b. The IQC curriculum contains lectures, group projects, staff rides to warfighting and acquisition activities, and senior acquisition, industry, and warfighting guest speakers. Additionally, the course leverages the knowledge of the acquisition officer Fellows attending the Senior Service College (SSC) Fellows program, who will function as mentors for IQC students.
 - c. The FA51 IQC is 4 weeks (20 training days) in duration and is conducted by the University of Texas at Austin, The Institute for Advanced Technology.
 - d. Ideally, officers will attend FA51 IQC immediately after completing the core ILE course (or Sustaining Base Leadership and Management course (SBLM) or equivalent courses for CDG members). However, with the approval of the officer's assignment officer at U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) the two courses may be taken in any order.
 - e. Priority for attendance is:
 1. Acquisition officers who require ILE for MEL IV (YG94 and subsequent). USAASC funds.

2. CDG members who have SBLM and who need IQC for CDG graduation. CDG program funds.
3. Acquisition officers who do not require ILE for MEL IV but desires attendance for professional development. Officer's unit funds.
4. Current Status. There are four classes scheduled for calendar year 2008. Each class accommodates up to 35 students.

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