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Acquisition News

Army Restricts Spending While Waiting for Congressional Approval. *American Forces Press Service.* By Carmen Gleason. Apr. 18, 2007. Due to budget shortfalls, the Army announced Apr. 16, 2007 that spending restrictions will be enforced while waiting for Congress to pass an emergency supplemental for funding requirements associated with the global war on terror. Army budget officials said the delay is related more to the policy issues surrounding the supplemental, rather than the amount of money being requested. Funds for operations and maintenance have run low, requiring restrictions in other areas to ensure funds are available for the Army to execute its mission of defending the nation and prosecuting the war on terror while continuing to support military Families.

<http://www.army.com/news/item/2909>

Installations as Flagships: Supporting an Expeditionary Army at War. *AUSA.* By LTG Robert Wilson. Apr. 2007. U.S. Army installations are "flagships of readiness" that are essential to supporting an expeditionary Army at war. They provide the platforms from which we generate, project and support the Nation's land combat power. They are where Soldiers mobilize, train, deploy and redeploy across the full spectrum of military operations. The Army is in the midst of transforming from an overseas-based, relatively static force to a U.S.-based, expeditionary force built around smaller, more agile and capable units.

<http://www.ausa.org/pdfdocs/ArmyMag/april07/wilson.pdf>

Army Values Posters Get a Makeover. *Army News Service.* By Hank Minitrez. Apr. 11, 2007. Army culture promotes certain norms of conduct, which include a unique service ethic expected of every Soldier – to make personal sacrifices in selfless service to the nation. "The Army values are the baseline, core and foundation of every Soldier," said Ms. Messman, the values project manager in the Army G-1's office. "They define who they are, what they do, what they stand for and drive their actions at home, work, in peace and during war."

<http://www.army.com/news/item/2871>

AL&T Workforce News

Army Materiel Command (AMC) Establishes a Deployable Civilian Contracting Cadre. In the last 4 years, AMC deployed approximately 25 man-years of civilian contingency contracting support per year. The majority of the deployments were in support of Army taskers issued through the Worldwide Individual Augmentation System. While AMC was able to meet most of the AMC taskings with volunteers, there were instances where they deployed a few Emergency Essential (EE) contracting employees. However, an evaluation of the EE program conducted by AMC revealed some issues in filling and retaining personnel for EE slots both CONUS and OCONUS. As a result, AMC recently launched a program to establish a cadre of highly trained and experienced civilian contingency contracting officers. On Apr. 28, 2006, the AMC Deputy Commanding General approved an implementation plan for a pilot program entitled Deployable Civilian Contracting Cadre.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/divisions/acd/AMC_Deployable_Cadre.pdf

Free Army e-Learning Courses for Acquisition Workforce Members. Army e-Learning is an online program offering 2,600 free courses to the entire Army workforce through the Army's Distributed Learning System – an Acquisition Category 1 Army Component Major Defense Acquisition Program. The e-learning courses helped roughly 16,000 Army civilians successfully convert to the National Security Personnel System.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/divisions/acd/E_Learning.pdf

For other acquisition e-learning training opportunities, follow this link to Appendix B of the Acquisition Education, Training and Experience Catalog.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/pubs/aete/AETE_2006_Appendix_B.pdf

Acquisition Reform Plan Outlined. *Defense News.* By Tim Kauffman. Mar. 12, 2007. The U.S. Defense Department plans to overhaul the way it rewards contractors for performance, decides requirements for new weapons and pays employees, according to a new report by the department. *The*

Defense Acquisition Transformation Report, which was sent to Congress last month but has not yet been released, is the first of a series of reports outlining how the Pentagon plans to transform its internal business processes to make itself more efficient and effective. <http://defensenews.com/story.php?F=2607801&C=america>

DAU Training Seats. Effective immediately, USAASC is lifting its restriction to fund only Priority 1 students for DAU training. Previously, funding was limited only to Priority 1 students in order to mitigate our expected Annual training budget shortfall. As a result of this mitigation policy early in the year, USAASC can now provide funding for all students. This policy will remain in effect as long as funding does not jeopardize Priority 1 requirements.

AAC Transformation

Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System (CAPP MIS).

CAPP MIS is the "single site" developed to provide you access to your Acquisition Career Record Brief, Individual Development Plan (IDP), Senior Rater Potential Evaluation and link to the Army Defense Acquisition University (DAU) registration portal called Army Training Requirements & Resources System Internet Training Application System.

<https://rda.altess.army.mil/cappmis/index.cfm?fuseaction=cSplash.doSplash>

All acquisition workforce members are required to update their IDPs within CAPP MIS to assist with training funding forecasting. Follow this link for six simple steps to determine your acquisition status and prepare an accurate acquisition profile, electronically. http://asc.army.mil/docs/divisions/acd/6_simple_steps.pdf

The Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Futures Office (ALT-FO). ALT-FO, in coordination with the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC), the Combined Arms Support Command, AMC, and Army Sustainment Command have finalized *Field Manual Interim (FMI) 4-93.41 Army Field Support Brigade Training, Techniques, and Procedures*. This *FMI* provides organization and operations doctrine for the newly fielded Army Field Support Brigades (AFSBs). Comments, concerns and unofficial feedback on this manual may be provided to the ALT-FO via e-mail at ALTFO@lee.army.mil. The actual *FMI* can be found at http://www.army.mil/usapa/doctrine/Active_FM.html.

What is USAASC? Do you know or do you just need to refresh your memory? Well, there are several important frequently asked questions, such as the one above, that you might want to read. Follow the link

below, and if you have a question, please don't hesitate to contact anyone at USAASC.

<http://asc.army.mil/fags/>

AAC Upcoming Events

Army Aviation Convention

- May 9-12, 2007
- Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA
<http://www.quad-a.org/>

AUSA ILW Logistics Symposium & Exhibition

- May 15-17, 2007
- Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, VA
<http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptIndustry.nsf/byid/JRAY-6Y9JUG>

Army Test & Evaluation Week

- June 11-15, 2007
- Von Braun Center, Huntsville, AL
<http://www.testweek.org/>

Workforce Reminders

DAU Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF).

The announcement for the DAU-SSCF Program is posted on the Human Resources Command, Acquisition Management Branch web site. All eligible civilian Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) members at GS-14/15 grade levels, or equivalent, are encouraged to apply at:

https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/Senior_Service_College_Fellowship.htm

Important AAC Links

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

<http://asc.army.mil>

Army AL&T Magazine

<http://asc.army.mil/altmag/>

Acquisition Management Branch

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>

Comments to the Editorial Staff

The USAASC Newsletter editorial staff is accepting articles. Writers Guidelines can be found on the AAC Transformation Web page. To open our Web page, click on the link to the USAASC Web page below, and then click on the AAC Transformation link on the right side of the page. <http://asc.army.mil>

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