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Acquisition News

Elimination of Mobility Agreement Policy for the Civilian Army Acquisition Corps (AAC)

USAASC Memorandum, subject as above, dated May 8, 2008, cancels all executed civilian AAC mobility agreements. Exceptions that still require mobility agreements are acquisition Senior Executive Service positions, civilians occupying Central Select List positions, civilians occupying Key Leadership Positions and the Competitive Development Group/Army Acquisition Fellowship Program candidates. Additional details are at http://asc.army.mil/docs/policy/Elimination_Mobility_Agreement_Policy.pdf.

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) FY09 Schedule

The DAU FY09 schedule is now available for student registration. Individuals currently waitlisted for any DAU course offerings will not automatically convert to an FY09 offering/reservation. If waitlisted for, and still interested in attending, a particular course, it is recommended that individuals reapply for FY09 course offerings. Any questions should be addressed to Herman Gaines at 703-805-1252 or herman.gainesjr@us.army.mil.

Army Officer Menu of Incentives Program

The Army Officer Menu of Incentives Program is intended to meet the future needs of the Army by increasing retention among officers with the skills, experience, and commitment to lead the Army in the challenging years ahead. The rapid growth of officer requirements for an Army at war drives unprecedented efforts to retain junior leaders through a number of incentives. The Human Resources Command continues to work with Soldiers and their families to add stability to assignments, support fulfilling quality of life for family members, and meet the professional development desires, and needs of officers. This program is opened to qualified captains in YG99

05. For details, see Military Personnel Message Number 08-093 at

<https://perscomnd04.army.mil/MILPERmsgs.nsf/All+Documents/08-093?OpenDocument>.

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Policy and Procurement (DASA(P&P) Addresses Contracting Professionals

The then Acting DASA(P&P) Dale A. Ormond addressed contracting professionals at the 2008 Procuring Contracting Officer and Intern Training Symposium on April 24, 2008. His remarks are at

http://www.usaasc.info/alt_online/article.cfm?iD=0806&aid=01.

ALT Workforce News

Department of the Army Acquisition, Logistics, Technology (ALT) Noncommissioned Officer Education Policy (ALT NCOEP) Policy and Procedures

The ALT NCOEP establishes policy and procedures through which Active Component ALT Noncommissioned Officers in the contracting workforce (CMF 51 and MOS 51C) request to pursue education programs on a full-time basis. The ALT NCOEP provides opportunities for 51C NCOs to complete their baccalaureate or master's degree while continuing to receive their full pay and authorized benefits. Within the ALT NCOEP, NCOs pursue degrees through either the Army's Degree Completion Program (DCP) or the Advanced Civil Schooling (ACS) Program. Through the DCP, 51C NCOs attend full-time but are responsible for all costs associated with the degree. The Government Issue (GI) Bill, Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), and student loans can be used while in DCP. Tuition assistance cannot be used. NCOs attending school through the ACS Program will attend full time, and tuition costs will be funded by the Army. Book costs will be the responsibility of the student. The goal is for 51C NCOs to obtain the business

hours needed for them to fill contracting positions, meet contracting certification requirements, and/or gain membership in the AAC. Additional details are at <http://asc.army.mil/policies/PoliciesProcedures.cfm>.

Officer Efficiency Report (OER) and NCO Efficiency Report (NCOER) Submissions

Effective April 1, 2008, all OERs and NCOERs, except Army National Guard NCOERs, must be electronically submitted to Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) via My Forms in Army Knowledge Online (AKO). Evaluations must be prepared in PureEdge and digitally signed for electronic submission. Electronic submission in My Forms requires that evaluations be prepared with digital signatures. Classified evaluations will be submitted in paper format. To be submitted electronically in My Forms, OERs must be version 4.00 or higher and NCOERs must be version 6.00 and higher. Additional details at [MILPER Message 08-051](#).

Medical Evaluation Board (MEB)/Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) Process

The timely processing of Soldiers with injuries or impairments has a major impact on army readiness. The Army's MEB is designed to evaluate a Soldier's medical condition to determine if medical retention standards for continued military service are met. Soldiers who require an MEB are not automatically discharged from military service. The MEB documents the Soldier's medical condition(s) and duty limitation(s) and refers them to the PEB if it is determined that the Soldier no longer meets medical retention standards. The PEB is the only board in the military that can determine whether a Soldier is fit or unfit for continued military service. The PEB also determines whether the Soldier's disability is compensable. The Army listened to the concerns of wounded, injured, and ill warriors and Family members and is exploring ways to improve the MEB/PEB process for Soldiers. The Army's goal is for Soldiers to complete the MEB process within 90 days. However, each case is unique and an MEB for some Soldiers may take more or less than 90 days to complete. To improve the MEB/PEB process, the Army:

- Launched the My MEB/PEB Web site in 2007.
- Launched the Comprehensive Transition Plan in March 2008 that focuses on healing the whole person.
- Collaborated with the Department of Veterans Affairs to install federal recovery care coordinators

at Army hospitals to assist severely injured Soldiers during the MEB/PEB process,

- Developed a [Physical Disability Evaluation \(PDES\) System handbook](#) to inform Soldiers and their Families.

AAC Upcoming Events

Oct. 5, 2008

Army Acquisition Excellence and Project and Product Manager and Acquisition Director of the Year Awards ceremony is Oct. 5, 2008. Additional details are at http://asc.army.mil/acq_awards/information.cfm.

Oct. 6-8, 2008

The AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition is scheduled for Oct. 6 – 8 at the Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC. Additional details are at <http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptIndustry.nsf/byid/RBOH-7CTRKP>.

Important AAC Links

U.S. Army Acquisition 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>

AKO registration required.

Comments to the Editorial Staff

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