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Acquisition News

FY09 Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14 Product Manager/Acquisition Command Board Results

The U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) recently released the FY09 Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14 Product Manager/Acquisition Command Board Results.

<http://asc.army.mil/docs/divisions/pm/LtcAcqCmdSe109.doc>

Call for Award Nominations

The time is quickly approaching for the U.S. Army Call for Nominations for the Army Acquisition Excellence and Project and Product Manager and Acquisition Director of the Year Awards. The winners of these awards will be presented at the 2008 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards Ceremony on Oct. 5, 2008.

http://asc.army.mil/acq_awards/information.cfm

Acquisition Community Symposium

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) hosts its annual Acquisition Community Symposium on April 15, 2008, at the DAU Fort Belvoir Campus. This year's theme is: "The Defense Life-Cycle Management Challenge: Innovation in Acquiring, Sustaining, and Improving Department of Defense (DoD) Weapon Systems." Event details are at www.dauaa.org <http://www.dauaa.org/Symposium2008/2008Schedule.htm>.

DAU Equivalency for Army Acquisition Intermediate Contracting Course (AAICC)

After an academic evaluation conducted by the American Council on Education, DAU awarded the AAICC equivalency for five DAU courses: CON 214, CON 215, CON 216, CON 217 and CON 218. Students graduating from AAICC meet the current *Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act* Level II training requirements for contracting. Additional information is at www.almc.army.mil/hsv/index.asp.

Waitlist for Acquisition (ACQ) 201A

There is currently a waitlist for the ACQ 201A (Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A) course due to a large volume of applicants. DAU is aware of this situation and is working to increase capacity. It is recommended that ACQ 201B applications be submitted after ACQ 201A is started.

ALT Workforce News

Expeditionary Contracting

The U.S. Army is transitioning its contracting capability to an expeditionary force capable of providing contracting support across the full spectrum of Army operations. The Secretary of the Army established an independent commission to review the lessons learned in recent operations and provide forward-looking recommendations to ensure that future military operations achieve greater effectiveness and transparency. Following an extensive review of *The Report of the Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations*, dated Oct. 31, 2007 (also known as the Gansler Commission) the U.S. Army Contracting Task Force (ACTF) is focusing its initial efforts on the following two recommendations: (1) Increase the contracting personnel structure/career opportunities and stature. (2) Restructure organizations to provide contracting support for the Army.

Additional information at

http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/Expeditionary_Contracting.pdf

Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) – Call for Applications for 2008-2010, Master of Science in Program Management (MSPM), Distance Learning

The NPS and its School of Business and Public Policy recently announced the offering of an eight-quarter, part-time MSPM degree that will be conducted via Distance Learning. The program is delivered exclusively over the Internet using "Elluminate," an Internet Web-conferencing tool. The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) will centrally fund up to 20 Acquisition,

Logistics and Technology (ALT) Workforce members. Program consideration is provided to those individuals who meet both NPS prerequisites and USAASC eligibility requirements. The MSPM is tentatively scheduled to commence the second week in July 2008, and will conclude with graduation in June 2010. The application deadline date is March 31, 2008. Application procedures are at the following link under "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.
- Certification at Level II or higher in one of the following career fields: Program Management; Contracting; Acquisition Logistics; Test and Evaluation; Systems Planning; Research Development and Engineering; Manufacturing, Production and Quality Assurance.
- Completed a college algebra or pre-calculus course.

In addition to the NPS requirements listed above, the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- A civilian member of the ALT Workforce.
- A GS-12/13 or equivalent grade within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System.
- Certified in current acquisition position.

Joint Qualification System (JQS) Self-Nomination Web Site - Eligibility Requirements

The JQS is a multi-level system that recognizes joint experiences, regardless of where they accrue. JQS is open to both Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) officers. To ensure parity, RC officers, who served in fully (100 percent) joint organizations and meet the statutory requirements of *Title 10 USC*, Chapter 38, will be credited with the same joint credentials that were available to AC officers dating back to the implementation of the *Goldwater Nichols Act of 1986*. All officers, regardless of component, can self-nominate their joint experiences for point recognition dating back to Sept. 11, 2001.

https://pki.dmdc.osd.mil/jqs/owa/JQS_WEB_DISPLAY.requirements

(Army Knowledge Online (AKO) identification (ID) and password required)

Assignment Satisfaction Key (ASK)

ASK, a Web-base application, allows enlisted Soldiers to view and update assignment preferences and other personnel information from wherever Internet access is available. The information provided via ASK is used by HRC's

Enlisted Personnel Management Division Career Branches when considering Soldiers for assignments. In addition, this information is used when considering Soldiers' reassignments during the Unit Reset process. Soldiers can access ASK by selecting the ASK icon located on the HRC Web site at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>. (AKO ID and password required)

Policy Change on the Use of Leave in Conjunction With a Special Pass

HQDA, ALARACT Message 241/2006, Subject As Above, dated Dec. 22, 2006. Military Personnel message 08-004 clarifies existing policy and procedures on the use of leave in conjunction with a special pass. Details are at <http://PERSCOMND04.ARMY.MIL/MILPERmsgs.nsf/All+Documents/08-004?OpenDocument> (AKO ID and password required)

AAC Upcoming Events

DAU Community Symposium

- April 15, 2008
- DAU, Fort Belvoir, VA

<http://www.dau.mil>

2008 Procuring Contracting Officer and Intern Training Symposium,

- April 21-25, 2008
- Atlanta, GA

http://asc.army.mil/conference/pcoits_2008/default.cfm

Important AAC Links

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

<http://asc.army.mil>

Army ALT 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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