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Acquisition News

FY09 Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14 Acquisition Command Selection Board List

The FY09 Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14 Acquisition Command Selection Board List was released April 10, 2008.

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/select/LtcAcqCmd09.htm>

Combat Pay Can Count Toward Economic Stimulus Payment Eligibility

IRS News Release, March 20, 2008. Military personnel serving in combat zones have the option of including their nontaxable pay on their 2007 or 2008 income tax returns if it helps their eligibility for the 2008 economic stimulus package. To receive the stimulus payment this year, combat zone personnel or their spouses must file a 2007 income tax return by Oct. 15. Otherwise, they can claim the economic stimulus payment on next year's income tax return. Additional information is available at

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0..id=180334.0.html>.

Certification Is Mandatory for Army Acquisition Workforce

Did you know it is your responsibility to apply for certification(s) once all certification requirements are met (i.e., training, education, and experience). Certification requirements are available at www.dau.mil, Appendix B. To apply, access the USAASC Web site at <http://asc.army.mil/> and click on the Career Acquisition Personnel & Position Management System/Career Acquisition Management Portal (CAPPMS/CAMP) link. Once in CAPPMS, click on the Certification Management System (CMS) tab, and the system will walk you through the process. If problems or errors are encountered, send an e-mail to usaasceasternregion@conus.army.mil and an Acquisition Career Manager will assist you.

ALT Workforce News

Director of Acquisition Career Management Guidance Memorandum #4, March 31, 2008

The Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) community continues to transform. With the activation of the Army Contracting Command (ACC (Provisional)), the transition of the Army Contracting Task Force, and the Army Contracting Campaign Plan implementation, we are moving forward with actions required to make the Army Acquisition Corps more relevant and ready in the 21st century.

The AAC will begin accessing both officers and noncommissioned officers (NCOs) earlier in their military careers. The plan is to access both groups earlier, on average at the 5 to 6 year mark of active federal service. Branch qualification is still a prerequisite for officers. NCOs are required to have the Basic NCO course completed prior to their first acquisition assignment. Officers should expect their first assignment to be in support of the ACC's expeditionary contracting mission. Both officers and NCOs can expect to attend their respective acquisition training courses en route to their first contracting assignment.

Upon completion of these courses, both the officer and NCO should expect to remain on station for one year before deploying to support current operations. This will provide the newly accessed acquisition member an opportunity to gain a minimum of one year of vital contracting experience. This does not preclude temporary assignments to Combat Training Centers or support to other regional requirements as dictated by the respective Army Service Component Commands.

The growth of contracting within the AAC will allow us to better support the warfighter and provide a more predictable deployment cycle.

<http://asc.army.mil/policies/PoliciesProcedures.cfm>

Department of Defense (DOD) - Wide Contracting Competency Assessment (CCA)

The Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), serving as Functional Leader for the Contracting Career Field, is working hand-in-hand with DOD's Senior Procurement Executives and the Defense Acquisition University to develop and execute a human capital plan for the DOD-wide Contracting Community (CC). This plan will put in place a continuous competency-based management process to define the competencies required for the CC to deliver mission-critical capabilities, assess competencies resident in the CC and identify gaps for current and future requirements, and align/adjust personnel strategies to address competency gaps and provide opportunities for training and development. Results of the CCA will provide a complete inventory of competencies that exist in the DOD-wide contracting workforce, identify current and projected competency gaps, and support workforce development in ways to best fit the strengths and weaknesses of the workforce and the needs of the contracting mission. The assessment will address 11 units of competence comprised of technical competencies, professional competencies, and technical elements with supporting knowledge. Workforce members can learn more by checking the contracting competency link on the DPAP Web site at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ops/contracting_comp_etency_assessment.html.

DoD Announces New Relocation Tool for Families

American Forces Press Service. It's almost peak moving season again for military families and Defense Department leaders want families to know that new resources are available to help. "Plan My Move" is the next generation of DOD's Military Home Front tools to provide an integrated "e-moving" solution. The Plan My Move tool is designed to coach service members and their families through the entire moving process. Additional information is available at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=49705>.

Awarding of Army Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Additional Skill Identifier (ASI)

MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER 08-092. Effective June 1, 2006, the Army approved the awarding of ASIs 1X (Green Belt in LSS), 1Y (Black Belt in LSS), and 1Z (Master Black Belt in LSS). The proponent for awarding these identifiers is the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for Business

Transformation (DUSA-BT). Upon completing all requirements for the specified belt level, the deployment director will forward the service member's information to the DUSA-BT via e-mail at ArmyLSS.Certification@hqda.army.mil. Requests will be verified and approved by the DUSA-BT and the Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. Copies of the certification documentation (memorandum and certificate) are forwarded to the individual through the originating organization. DUSA-BT will forward request for ASI awards to U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC-OPL) for updating commissioned officer and warrant officer records. Enlisted personnel records are updated regularly through a data feed from the Army Training Requirements and Resource System (ATRRS) to the Total Army Personnel Data Base (TAPDB). Only DUSA-BT and U.S. Army HRC are authorized to enter LSS course completion in the ATRRS and award the ASI in TAPDB. These actions are not authorized at the installation level and below. POC: DUSA-BT Army LSS Program Management Office, (703) 693-4488, e-mail ArmyLSS.Certification@hqda.army.mil Additional information is available at <https://perscomnd04.army.mil/milpermsgsf/ee2966d4436df73a852569a50056935d/e62969a33db9d5768525741e00449e29?OpenDocument>.

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>. AKO registration required.

Comments to the Editorial Staff

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