

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. The FA51 IQC is the Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) functional-area specific follow-on course to the core Intermediate Level Education (ILE). FA51 IQC is part of the FA51 Leader Development Plan and together with ILE grant MEL-4 certification. FA51 IQC develops Acquisition Leaders capable of leading and managing any acquisition organization at the LTC/GS-14-level and develops a pool of future senior officers and civilians trained in innovative leadership & acquisition topics. IQC provides training in acquisition-related leadership topics not found in the Core ILE.

3. Facts.

a. The FA51 IQC is 4 weeks (20 training days) in duration and is conducted at the U.S. Army Acquisition Center of Excellence (AACoE) in Huntsville, Alabama.

b. 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 DA Civilian 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.

c. Priority for attendance is:

1. Acquisition officers who require MEL-4 (YG94 and subsequent).

2. DA Civilian CDG members who have SBLM and who need IQC for CDG graduation.

d. The AACoE participates in the Military Training Service Support (MTSS) program involving furnished meals, lodging, and transportation. The MTSS Program is applicable to all military students including active duty, USAR, and ARNG soldiers. If permanently assigned to the Redstone Arsenal / Huntsville area, students are not eligible for TDY expenses. Civilians are not included in the MTSS Program.

4. Current Status. There are five classes scheduled annually. Each class accommodates up to 28 students.

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