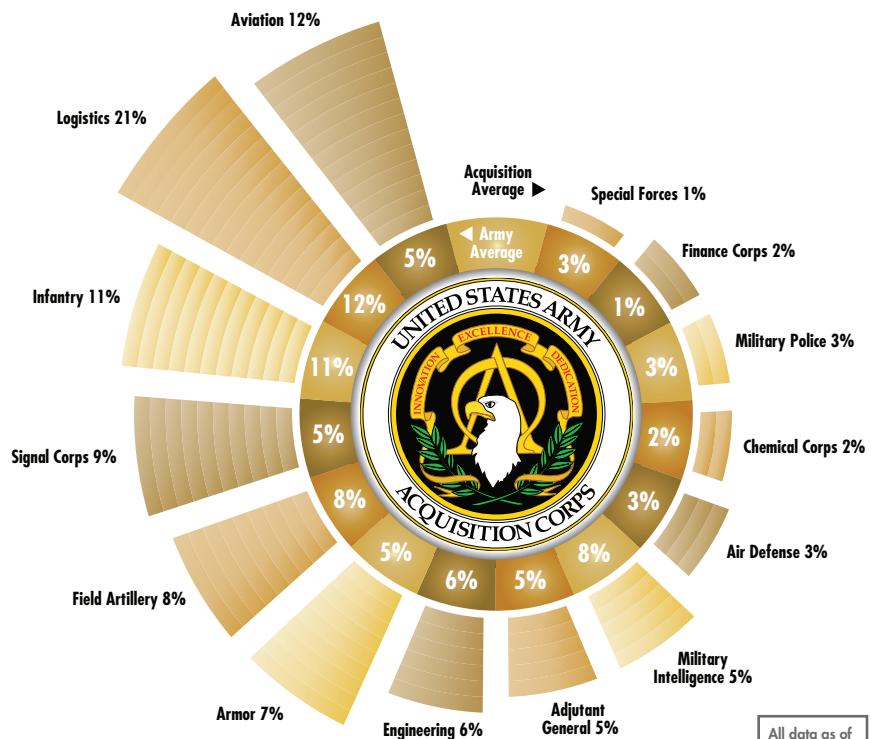


Army Acquisition Officers strive to meet the needs of the Soldier throughout the full spectrum of all operational domains by incorporating technical solutions to respond to the rapidly evolving threat environment. Army Officers can serve in two Army Acquisition Functional Areas: Contracting and Program Management.

Officers work with joint and international partners, as well as those in industry and academia, to develop, acquire, deliver, sustain and safely dispose of weapons systems and provide contracting services to Soldiers in all military operations.

If the Soldier wears it,  
carries it or operates it, the  
Army Acquisition Workforce  
is responsible for it.



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## WHY ACQUISITION?

- Command and promotion opportunities.
- Master's and doctoral degree funding.
- Vast selection of assignment locations, in the U.S. and around the world.
- Long-term career paths all the way to General Officer.
- Support Soldiers with the best equipment and services.
- Develop highly marketable skills for a post-Army career.

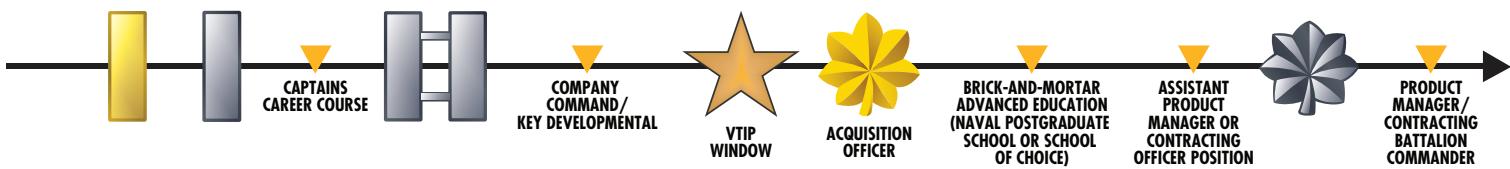
### FA51 AOC A-PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:

- Manages acquisition programs, including the total cost, schedule and performance.
- Responsible for planning, testing, training and fielding Army systems and equipment.
- Leads a multidisciplinary, multi-agency integrated product team of professional acquisition personnel across multiple sites nationwide.
- Serves as the military interface between the operational forces, industry and defense agencies for Army system development.
- Aviation Officers can apply for the Test Pilot program. As part of this program, Officers ensure materiel and technology-based solutions address all operational effectiveness and safety criteria.

### FA51 AOC C-CONTRACTING

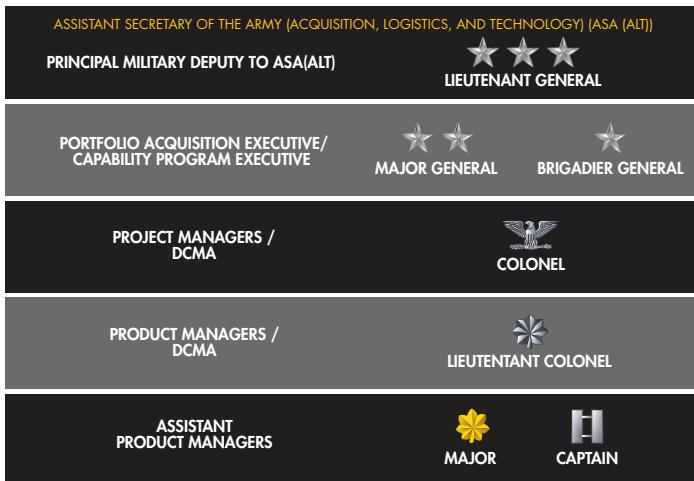
Lead detachments that enable the Army Contracting Command to provide contracting support worldwide to expeditionary operations throughout the entire spectrum of military operations.

## ACQUISITION OFFICER CAREER TIMELINE

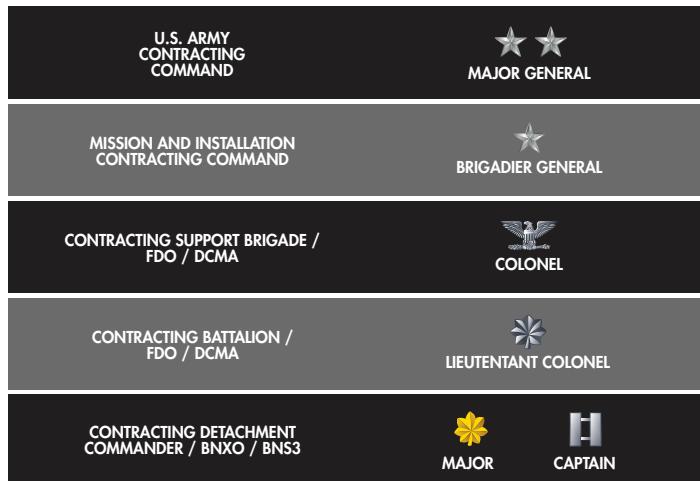


# ACQUISITION OFFICER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## FA51 AOC A-PROGRAM MANAGEMENT KEY DEVELOPMENTAL POSITIONS



## FA51 AOC C-CONTRACTING KEY DEVELOPMENTAL POSITIONS



## ACQUISITION OFFICER AUTHORIZATIONS

## PROGRAM MANAGEMENT / CONTRACTING

Below is a representation of what authorizations each acquisition officer might be eligible for.

