Defense Pricing and Contracting
Acquisition Exchange Program

Project Description #1

Opportunity: Contract Policy Projects
Organization: DPC/CP
Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Duration of Assignment: 6 months – 1 year
Start Date: Negotiable
Location: 5E621, the Pentagon
Coverage of travel/temporary relocation expense: Not authorized – must be covered by applicant’s organization.

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Background of Assignment:

Within the Office of the Principal Director of Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC), the Director, Contract Policy is responsible for a broad range of new, innovative and flexible procurement policies and processes to implement law, policy, and best practices, while improving existing procurement policies including those policies which guide the execution and administration of contracts with industry. The Director provides policy guidance on all aspects of the contingency contracting, contracting workforce career development, and Peer Reviews on contracting actions greater than $1B. The Directorate develops and provides contract policy that assists in providing oversight and management for the effective and efficient delivery of equipment and services that meet the needs of the warfighter while being good stewards of the taxpayers’ money. Contracting policies include but are not limited to: competition; commercial contracting; contracting aspects of services acquisition; small business; suspension/debarment; Federal Prison Industries; AbilityOne Program; military dining; intellectual property; performance-based service contracts; past performance; progress payments; performance-based payments; cost principles; Cost Accounting Standards; pricing, and commercial items. The directorate is also responsible for cost, price, and finance policies that provide for fair and reasonable contract prices, cost reimbursement, and contract financing. The Director chairs the Contracting Functional Integrated Product Team that advises the Principal Director of Defense Pricing and Contracting on the competencies and training requirements for the contracting workforce. The directorate frequently works with the Military Departments, Defense Contract Management Agency, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, other Federal agencies, congressional staffers, and industry associations to determine policy implementation approaches and develop the most practical and reasonable procurement solutions.
Project Description:

Specific projects that could be performed by the participant are listed below. The project mentor and the participant will agree upon the actual projects that will be performed. The individual(s) selected for this assignment:

1. Will support the Director and the senior procurement analysts in the Contract Policy office to: review policies, develop improvements to existing policies and processes; prepare coordinated positions; and advocate approval of policy changes with higher levels within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments and Defense Agencies as appropriate.

2. Specific tasks may be in the following areas: services contracting; interagency contracting; competition; commercial items; small business and other preference programs; intellectual property; and other transactions. Also the areas of Contract Pricing, Contract Cost, and Contract Finance such as profit policy, cost Principles (FAR Part 31), Defense Base Act, as well as payments and contract closeout issues.

3. May support DoD’s acquisition policy and program matters regarding DoD-wide contracting workforce skills and training including identifying training and continuous learning requirements to support workforce development pathways.

4. May also support contingency contracting policies in support of deployed forces, contingencies, humanitarian or peacekeeping operations, and disaster relief. May support efforts related to DoD policy to implement and maintain the requirements Indemnification under Public Law 85-804, concerning extraordinary contractual relief.

5. May support and participate on various Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Committees and/or Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Teams to draft DFARS or FAR language necessary to implement new legislation or policies. Assist in review and evaluate the proposed FAR and DFAR policy changes and suggest revisions to comply with pertinent policy initiatives, laws, and regulations. May participate in public meetings regarding policy changes.

6. May support the administration and leadership of the Section 898 Panel on DoD and AbilityOne Contracting Oversight, Accountability, and Integrity.

7. May work with oversight communities to include the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Defense Inspector General to respond to and support procurement policy audits and investigations. Assist in the consolidation and development of one response for the Department in responding to audit findings and recommendations.

8. Review and provide a critical analysis of proposed policies, legislation, and reports and develops DoD positions, in any of the areas listed above. Prepare briefings, interim or final reports to Congress. May attend Congressional hearings or confirmation hearings.

9. Support CP efforts to implement contracting initiatives by attending/participating in meetings, strategic planning sessions, policy development, consolidate and develop the briefings for meetings; arrange pre-brief materials; provide logistics support for meetings; develop action matrices and follow up on actions; draft minutes and meeting summaries.

Benefit of the assignment: Opportunity to:

- Interact with senior officials in the Department and throughout the Federal Government.
- Develop a thorough knowledge of the policy development process and the skills needed to prepare and advocate policy changes.
- Promote different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
- Make a difference and improve the contracting policies, and workforce development.
- Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to obtain insight into contracting policies of DoD and the Federal Government.

**Job Requirements:** Individual(s) should:
- Have strong technical knowledge of contracting rules and procedures.
- Have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently, as a team and as a team leader.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively
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Project Description #2

Opportunity: FAR/DFARS/PGI Reform Projects
Organization: DPC/DARS
Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Duration of Assignment: 6 months
Start Date: Negotiable
Location: 4800 Mark Center Drive
          Suite 15D07
          Alexandria, VA 22350
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Background of Assignment:

Individual(s) will work directly and/or indirectly in support of Acquisition Reform reflected in the FAR, DFARS, and PGI. Specifically, individuals will support DPC/DARS role in acquisition reform initiatives such as the Regulatory Reform Task Force; the 809 panel, and the Acquisition Statute Review. Our goal is to provide the acquisition community useful tools for establishing successful contract relationships. Assignments will involve review and analysis of laws, the policies or statutory language that drives major changes, and their impact on the defense acquisition community as well as the civilian agencies (i.e., GSA and NASA). Individual(s) will interface with senior procurement officials from the Department of Defense and OMB (both OFPP and OIRA).

Project Description:

Assignments may include any of the following:

(1) Participate in FAR/DFARS/PGI initiatives from idea generation to publication (time permitting). This could include:
   • Working on the team which reviews a proposed regulatory change;
   • Participating in the DAR Council deliberations of that rule;
- Attending and participating in the review at the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and subsequent review by the Office of Management and Budget, as appropriate;
- After publication in the Federal Register, reviewing public comments on the proposed rule and recommending appropriate changes resulting from those comments; and
- Continuing this process until a Final Rule is implemented in the FAR or DFARS.

(2) Review legislation derived from the DoD's Appropriation and Authorization Acts to determine required changes, if any, to be made to the FAR and DFARS.

(3) Review the paperwork burdens imposed on industry by FAR and DFARS regulations and identify initiatives to reduce burdens.

(4) Process class and individual deviations to the FAR and DFARS.

**Benefit of the assignment:** An opportunity to:
- Make a difference and improve acquisition policies, processes, and procedures.
- Interact with senior officials in the Department and the Federal Government.
- Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process (e.g., implement FAR/DFARS changes).
- Promote new and different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.

**Job Requirements:** Individual(s) should:
- Have a minimum of 3 years of 1102 experience using the FAR and DFARS.
- Have experience estimating and analyzing cost/price.
- Have the ability to work in a team and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently.
- Have strong organizational, analytical, and research abilities.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
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Project Description #3

Opportunity: Applying Procurement Practices to Today's Technology Centric
Organization: DPC/Contracting eBusiness (CeB)
Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Duration of Assignment: 6 months – 1 year
Start Date: Negotiable
Location: 5611 Columbia Pike (Suffolk Building)
           Suite O4D65
           Fall Church, Virginia 22041
Coverage of travel/temporary relocation expense: Not authorized – must be covered by
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Background of Assignment:

Individual(s) will work directly and/or indirectly in support of the Department’s property
management efforts. Assignments will involve working with other functional disciplines on
broad property related with the primary focus being on procurement policy implications
associated with the transition. Individual(s) will interface with senior officials from the
Department of Defense, Civilian Agencies and OFPP.

Project Description:
Assignments may include any of the following based on the background and interests of the
individual and the needs of the organization at the time of the assignment:

(1) Participate with non-contracting personnel in the cross-functional OSD anti-
counterfeiting working group developing policy to implement the risk-based approach
directed by the USD(A&S) to ensure the procurement of authentic goods throughout the
supply chain.

(2) Support development of policies to ensure contractor and government controls in
information systems, information assurance and the handling of information is protected
consistent with Department policy and regulation.
(3) Support the DoD Purchase Card Program to interpret DoD, GSA, GAO and other guidance as well as respond to congressional inquiries or writing proposed legislation. Additional activity may include performing and/or specifying requirements for data mining and reporting using the Purchase Card on Line System (PCOLS).

(4) Participate in the development of advanced approaches to property management that may directly or indirectly relate to Government Furnished Property, property accountability, and warranty management.

(5) Develop ad hoc reports for various known or expected reporting requirements.

(6) Review and provide a critical analysis of proposed policies, legislation, and reports, in any of the areas listed above.

(7) Draft DFARS or PGI changes, as may be needed to implement the results of any of the activities resulting from the assignments above.

**Benefit of the assignment:** An opportunity to:
- Work on topics at the forefront of the technology challenge of today’s procurement professional
- Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to participate in the policy process.
- Promote new and different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.

**Job Requirements:** Individual(s) should:
- Have a basic understanding of the DoD 5000 and the FAR/DFAR
- Have a strong contracting background and analytical abilities.
- Have the ability to work in a team and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.