

Defense Pricing and Contracting Acquisition Exchange Program

Project Description #1

Opportunity: Defense Pricing and Contracting Operations Project

Organization: DPC

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ops/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 9 months – 1 year

Start Date: January 6, 2021

Location: Pentagon (Suite 3B938)

Travel/Temporary Relocation Expense: Funded by DPC

To Apply: Submit the Acquisition Exchange Program Application Form with current resume via e-mail.

E-mail: osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc@mail.mil

Background of Assignment:

The Principal Director of Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC) is responsible for a broad range of contracting policies, including: small business; suspension/debarment; Federal Prison Industries; Javits Wagner O'Day program; intellectual property; government property; performance-based service contracts; past performance; progress payments; performance-based payments; cost principles; Cost Accounting Standards; pricing commercial items; weighted guidelines profit policy; Truth in Negotiations Act; Prompt Payment Act; contract payment matters; and the development and management of workforce policy in DoD. DPC is also responsible for cost, price, and finance policies that provide for fair and reasonable contract prices, cost reimbursement, and contract financing; competencies and training requirements for the contracting workforce; and interaction with congressional staffers, and industry associations.

Project Description:

- (1) The individual(s) selected for this assignment will support the Principal Director and the senior procurement analysts in the office to: review policies, develop improvements to existing policies; prepare coordinated positions; and advocate approval of policy changes with higher levels within the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- (2) Specific tasks may be in the following areas: services contracting; inter-agency 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), and peer reviews.
- (3) The individual(s) selected for this assignment may serve as the legislative coordinator within DPC to: review legislation proposed by other DoD organizations and Congress for potential impact on the procurement community; prepare comments on proposed legislation and coordinate comments within DoD procurement community; and assist other DPC offices in preparing and processing legislative proposals through the legislative process.

(4) Support the DPC Chief of Staff in responding to all congressional, GAO and IG requests for information including high visibility projects involvement Procurement Administrative Lead Time (PALT) and other transactions (OTs).

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.
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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: Contract Policy Projects

Organization: DPC/CP

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 9 months – 1 year

Start Date: January 6, 2021

Location: 15D07, Mark Center (4800 Mark Center Dr, Alexandria, VA)

Travel/Temporary Relocation Expense: Funded by DPC

To Apply: Submit the Acquisition Exchange Program Application Form with current resume via e-mail.

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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 expeditionary contracting, Other Transactions, and contracting workforce career development. 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; 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 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: interagency contracting/assisted acquisition; competition; commercial items; small business and other preference programs; intellectual property; and other transactions. Also the 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 expeditionary 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.
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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.
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Project Description #3

Opportunity: Applying Procurement Practices with Today's Technology

Organization: DPC/Contracting eBusiness (CeB)

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 9 months – 1 year

Start Date: January 6, 2021

Location: 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA (Suite 04D65, Suffolk Building)

Travel/Temporary Relocation Expense: Funded by DPC

To Apply: Submit the Acquisition Exchange Program Application Form with current resume via e-mail.

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Background of Assignment:

Individual(s) will work directly and/or indirectly in support of the Department's eBusiness 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; the Integrated Acquisition Environment suite of systems; procurement data standards; cyber security; purchase card; and/or the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment. 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.

(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.
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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.

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Project Description #4

Opportunity: FAR/DFARS/PGI Reform Projects

Organization: DPC/DARS

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 9 months – 1 year

Start Date: January 6, 2021

Location: 4800 Mark Center Dr, Alexandria, VA (Suite 15D07, Mark Center)

Travel/Temporary Relocation Expense: Funded by DPC

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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.
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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 #5

Opportunity: Pricing and Contracting Initiatives**Organization:** DPC/PCI**Target Grade:** GS-11 or above**Webpage:** <https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/DP/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 9 months – 1 year**Start Date:** January 6, 2021**Location:** Arlington, VA and Dayton, OH**Travel/Temporary Relocation Expense:** Funded by DPC

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Background of Assignment:

Within the Office of the Principal Director of Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC), the Director, of Pricing and Contracting Initiatives (PCI), serves as a technical expert, with regard to source selection procedures, and pricing of contracts to incentivize achievement of optimal contract cost, schedule, and performance outcomes. The Director acts as the principal advisor to the USD(A&S), ASD(A), and the Principal Director of Defense Pricing and Contracting on contract pricing strategies for all major weapon systems programs, major automated information systems programs, and service acquisitions and recommends the establishment of source selection, profit, pricing, and contract financing policies within the Department of Defense. The Director develops and makes improvement to policies related to: uniform contract pricing and procedures; profit policy of negotiated contracts; cost and price analytical tools; cost allowability, allocability, and reasonableness; and overhead costs including Independent Research and Development costs. The Director represents USD(A&S) on matters having program pricing implications at meetings within the DoD, with members of Congressional staffs, high level policy officials of other government agencies, industry executives, and other interested parties and groups (e.g., Defense boards, Industry associations), as appropriate. The Director develops and encourages use of innovative principles in developing new policies, appraising established programs, identifying best practices, removing barriers, or devising creative approaches to supporting A&S goals. Additionally, the Director analyzes legislation affecting business processes policies, initiates legislative proposals and meets with Congressional members and their staff to discuss legislation. As appropriate, the Director prepares and/or coordinates responses to GAO and DoDIG audits, Congressional correspondence, and inquiries from the Office of Management and Budget and White House.

Project Description:

Specific projects that could be performed by the participant are listed below. The project Director of Pricing and/or designee 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 Deputy Director of Pricing to: review and develop policies; prepare coordinated positions; and advocate approval of policy changes with higher levels within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments and Defense Agencies as appropriate.

(2) Specific tasks may be in the following areas: Sole Source Peer Reviews, Defective Pricing, Accounting Principles, Cost Accounting Standards, Cost Principles, Contractor Business Systems, Proposal Evaluations, Contract Pricing, Contract Cost, and Contract Financing such as Performance Based Payments, Progress Payments, and Internal Rates of Return.

(3) May support DoD's acquisition policy and program matters regarding DoD-wide pricing workforce skills and training including identifying training and continuous learning requirements to support workforce development pathways. Additionally, may be asked to review class content for new training classes and update training reference material such as the Contract Pricing Reference Guide.

(3) 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 DFARS policy changes and suggest revisions to comply with pertinent pricing policy initiatives, laws, and regulations. May participate in public meetings regarding pricing policy changes.

(4) May work with oversight communities to include the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Defense Inspector General to respond to and support procurement pricing policy audits and investigations. Assist in the consolidation and development of responses for the Department related to audit findings and recommendations.

(5) Review and provide a critical analysis of proposed pricing policies, legislation, and reports and develops DoD positions, in any of the areas listed above. Prepare briefings, interim or final reports to Congress.

(6) Support PCI efforts to implement pricing initiatives by attending/participating in meetings, strategic planning sessions, pricing 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.

(7) Support Cadre of Pricing Experts with their meetings, planning sessions, prepare and obtain approval for meeting agendas, summaries, and action items; coordinate and issue these to the team for consideration. Follow-up on action items and prepare discussion points for Director or designee, who will oversee meetings.

Benefit of the assignment: Opportunity to:

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