

## DPC AEP Testimonials

Participation in the Acquisition Exchange Program has been an amazing learning experience. From the first day of working in Pricing and Contracting Initiatives, I was immersed in thought-provoking projects related to contract financing, peer reviews of sole source procurements, defective pricing, Congressional Legislation, and commercial item changes, to just name a few. There is always something new to learn and work on. Additionally, I have been able to interact with senior leaders at different services and agencies, affording me the opportunity to learn different leadership styles. The Acquisition Exchange Program has helped me grow as a person and create life-long connections. **A.R. AEP FY19 (PCI assignment)**

Not only did I have the opportunity to see policy written and implemented, but I have had the opportunity to make recommendations and to actually work on a DFARS Case. The AEP challenged me beyond what I thought I was capable of doing and it forced me to see things on a much grander scale. **M.B. AEP FY19 (CeB assignment)**

The AEP program was career broadening and provided me the ability to observe and or directly participate in various Contracting eBusiness (CeB) programs. When I started my rotation, CeB was in the planning stages of deploying Contract Opportunities and Contract Data to beta.SAM. I was able to shadow the Program Manager and assist her with DoD transition activities. I was also encouraged to participate with system testing and share recommendations that would contribute to the systems functionality. The AEP program provided an exceptionally immersed experience. I was fortunate to be selected and learn from various DoD Senior leaders. **J.W. AEP FY19 (CeB assignment)**

The Acquisition Exchange Program was a phenomenal opportunity for me to gain experiences that broadened my view of the Government and how decisions are made at a higher level. I have gained a larger perspective on policy development, regulation rewrites and reporting to congress. This was one of the most exciting things that I have done in my career and I am thankful for the Analysts in the Contract Policy division that shared a wealth of knowledge and experiences that have shown me the limitless opportunities to make a difference in the Acquisition Career field. **R.O. AEP FY19 (CP assignment)**

I have been able to engage in high level meetings and exchanges with senior decision makers that will enhance my skills and understanding. Your senior staff is extremely knowledgeable. I wish that there was more time to learn from and work with them. **B.H. AEP FY19 (CeB assignment)**

I am working with highly professional people who have a wealth of experience and knowledge. The AEP has provided to me a unique opportunity to explore areas of personal development to enhance my communication and leadership skills by engaging with other individuals from different agencies and backgrounds that otherwise would not be available. The AEP also provides me the ability to share my knowledge and experience with others in the program. I hope to continue to communicate with those I have met in the AEP throughout my career. **T.H. AEP FY19 (CeB assignment)**

I have been able to broaden my perspective and experience within the acquisition career field; contribute to improvements in acquisition policies, processes, and procedures; and understand how senior level policymakers utilize data to make business decisions. DPC's policy decision-makers allowed me to provide a different viewpoint; learn how to respond to and support program audits and investigations; and experience workforce planning, initiative execution, collaboration, and team building. I encourage everyone to participate in this amazing program! **K.D. AEP FY19 (CeB assignment)**

Having the opportunity to impact acquisition policies and procedures at the highest levels within the Department has been the most rewarding experience of my career. It isn't every day that we, as contracting professionals, have an avenue to provide input and assist in shaping decisions at senior levels of Government. With the Acquisition Exchange Program, that opportunity becomes a daily reality. Equally impactful is the incredible amount of mentoring and relationship building with peers and senior leaders throughout the program. I have undoubtedly cultivated lifelong relationships during my time here. **J.H. AEP FY19 (CP assignment)**