

WELCOME to FAI/DAU

INDUSTRY DAY

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***Federal Acquisition Institute
Overview of Acquisition
Workforce Training Fund***

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FAI Fundamentals

- **FAI Statute, Section 405(d)(5) – specifies the authority and function of FAI as well as enumerating specific FAI functions.**
- **Mission**
 - **To foster and promote the development of a professional acquisition workforce into effective business leaders**
- **Strategic Goals**
 - **Ensure Exceptional Training**
 - **Provide Compelling Research**
 - **Improve Acquisition Workforce Management**



Stakeholders

- **Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) and the FAI Board of Directors**
- **General Services Administration (GSA)**
- **Chief Acquisition Officers Council (CAOC)**
- **Defense Acquisition University (DAU)**
 - Joint training development
 - Collaboration on career management initiatives
- **SRA International, Inc. and sub-contractors**



Current FAI Initiatives

- **Professional Development**
 - Training development and delivery
 - Career Management Tools
- **Research**
 - Competency reports
 - Annual Report on the Federal Acquisition Workforce
- **Events**
 - Federal Acquisition Conference & Expo (FACE)
 - Acquisition Learning Seminars
- **Outreach**
 - Newsletter
 - Website
 - Exhibit booths



Partnership with DAU

- **Partnering with DAU**
 - Leveraging resources
 - Developing common career development tools
- **Current initiatives**
 - Common competencies
 - Common training for contracting personnel
 - Coordinated certification programs



Acquisition Workforce Training Fund (AWTF)

- **Established by the Services Acquisition Reform Act (SARA) of 2003**
- **Purpose: To ensure the federal acquisition workforce**
 - **Adapts to fundamental changes in the nature of federal acquisition**
 - **Acquires new skills & perspectives to contribute effectively in the changing environment**



AWTF Basic Operations

- **GSA consults with OFPP**
- **GSA to manage the fund through FAI**
 - **AWTF deposits estimated to be about \$5M annually**
- **Beginning January 1, 2004, and effective for 5 years**
 - **Applies to all eligible fees collected on or after January 1, 2004 on any active task or delivery orders and contracts**
 - **Amounts credited are available in the fiscal year credited plus two**



AWTF Funding Basics

- **Funded by deposit of 5% of fees collected**
 - **By non-DOD agencies**
 - **From non-DOD agencies**
 - **Under governmentwide task & delivery order contracts**
 - **Interagency contracts awarded under Clinger-Cohen Act authority**
 - **GSA schedule contracts**



AWTF Objectives

- **Fund to be used to meet the stated purpose**
 - Purpose goes beyond just contracting, to include the entire non-DoD acquisition workforce
- **Amounts credited to the fund shall be in addition to funds appropriated for education & training**
 - Agencies should not reprogram budgeted training funds
 - Fund is intended to benefit non-DoD agencies as a whole, not individual agencies



AWTF Initiatives

- **Partnering with DAU on**
 - **Revision of CON curriculum**
 - **Services acquisition course**
 - **Training on FAR updates**
- **Includes online and classroom training**
- **Providing subject matter advice directly and through civilian agency volunteers**
- **May support development more directly on targeted initiatives**



AWTF Initiatives

- **Near term initiatives**
 - **Updates to Contracting Officer's Representative (COR/COTR) training**
 - **Identifying Project/Program Management training**
 - **EVMS**
 - **Training on small business issues**
 - **Migration to e-training platform**
 - **Definition and application of measures of training effectiveness**
 - **Sponsoring classroom training**
 - **Train the trainer**
 - **Commercial sources**



Acquisition Strategies

- **SRA will provide management and oversight of AWTF**
- **FAI will separately acquire any needed course development through DAU or commercial sources**
- **DAU and FAI will collaborate on initiatives and leverage resources toward a common framework**



Next steps...

- Interested companies should contact Otis Langford at otis.langford@fai.gov to be added to prospective vendor list

