

Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) Training Blueprint

Introduction

FAI identified a need for a resource to detail the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program with blueprints that could be accessed by individuals interested in self-assessment and individual development plan (IDP) development. The blueprints can be used by supervisors to identify knowledge and skill gaps and point them to training to address those gaps for individuals and also by training providers to determine where their course offerings and learning opportunities fit into the FAC-P/PM program.

This resource could serve as a tool to help individuals identify areas where training has already been completed and where training should be targeted to meet FAC-P/PM requirements.

The FAC-P/PM Training Blueprint can be used to compare existing training or certification programs or to plan new training and certification programs to the FAC-P/PM. It provides information on the specifics of the different certification levels including the core competencies. In addition, it maps these competencies to learning objectives to help assemble a “training blueprint” to use when building training programs or classes.

The blueprint was the result of extensive work by an interagency working group (Federal Working Group Program and Project Management Certification) that was formed at the request of Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) and lead by the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI) to develop recommendations for a Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management, the FAC-P/PM. This group developed common, essential competencies for the program and project management community.

FAC-P/PM is accepted at all civilian agencies to demonstrate that an individual has met the core training and experience requirements. It is vital that agencies have skilled program and project managers who can develop accurate government requirements, define measurable performance standards and manage contractor activities.

The contents of the FAC-P/PM Training Blueprint include:

- ◆ General information on the Federal Acquisition Certificate for Program and Project Managers (FAC-P/PM)
- ◆ Introductory information on the relationship between program manager and project manager

- ◆ Determining if the FAC-P/PM program is right for you
- ◆ Detailed description of the three certification levels – Project Manager -- Entry/Apprentice, Program/Project Manager -- Mid/Journeyman, Program Manager - Senior/Expert – including prerequisites and requirements, training objectives, core competencies and proficiencies, and additional resources

If you are a program manager or project manager, you can use this document to develop your IDP or to determine skill gap areas. If you are a supervisor, you can use this document to help identify individual skill gaps for your work team.

If you are a vendor, you will need the [vendor application form](#) (link). If you are an Acquisition Career Manager (ACM), you will need the [agency program review form](#) (link).