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From the Desk of the Director: Karen Pica

Welcome to 2007! We look forward to providing you more tools and training to help you succeed in the coming year. FAI is pleased to add two new program managers to our team, Mr. Otis Langford and Ms. Linda Ott. Mr. Langford, an experienced professional with a background in learning and information technology, is the new manager of the FAI systems and processes for putting you in training and will be using your feedback to improve our registration and training processes. Ms. Linda Ott, a learning professional with project management experience, is responsible for bringing you quality training opportunities and supporting Federal acquisition certification programs. For those of you with NCMA certification, we have information for you included in this newsletter. We also have a new elective alternative for contracting professionals, FAC014 on Time and Materials Contracting.

FAI and IAE PMO Collaborate to Update DAU Online Courses

By Lisa Cliff, IAE Office of Communications

In September 2006, FAI was invited by the Program Management Office (PMO) for the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) to join a working group to resolve Federal Procurement Data Systems-Next Generation (FPDS-NG) data quality issues. The purpose of the working group meetings is to determine if FPDS-NG data quality and accuracy can be improved by including more information on FPDS-NG in the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) curriculum.

For more information, go to www.fai.gov/february07news.asp

Highlighting Success Through SHINE

By Christine Packard, Contractor, FAI

Paul Denett, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, recently announced the Office of Federal Procurement Policy's (OFPP's) SHINE initiative. The program is designed to increase the visibility of acquisition awards and improve the sharing of successful practices.

To learn more about SHINE, visit www.fai.gov/february07news.asp



OFPP Administrator Paul Denett

Acquisition Frontiers: Blazing New Trails

By Ivy Alston, Contractor, FAI



The Federal Acquisition Conference & Exposition (FACE) is back! FACE—the premier conference to train acquisition professionals—provides networking opportunities, dynamic speakers, and vendors with a variety of information on acquisition products and services. The conference will be held on June 19-20, 2007, at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC. In addition to learning about important issues and emerging trends in acquisition, attendees also have the opportunity to earn 10.5 Continuous Learning Credits.

For more information, read the full article at www.fai.gov/february07news.asp

Acquisition Workforce: Color Them Green

How will agencies get their acquisition workforce to 'Green'? Check the next edition of FAInsight to find out.

Call for Exhibitors: FACE 2007

FAI is pleased to announce a "Call for Exhibitors" for FACE 2007. To find out how to expand the opportunity for your company to network with federal acquisition professionals, visit www.fai.gov/resource/exhibitor2007.asp.

New Email Addresses for FAI Staff

If you are trying to reach a member of the FAI staff, please note there has been a change to their email address. They can now be reached using the format firstname.lastname@fai.gov. Special thanks to Gloria Sawyers and the DAU partnership for making this happen.

Registering for a Course? Be Sure You Have the Correct Contact Information!

Please replace any previous point of contact information for FAI course registration with the following:

Email: fairegistration@fai.gov

Phone: (703) 805-2300

What's New in Training?

- ▶ FAI has awarded a series of **CON 353** course offerings for FY07.
- ▶ The January 2007 Vendor Day provided information to potential vendors to assist with creating new CON Level II courses.
- ▶ There will be 24 offerings of **Performance-Based Service Acquisition – Workshop for Teams**.

Read more about these topics at www.fai.gov/february07news.asp

Focusing on Excellence: The CAOC Award

In the previous edition of FAInsight, we highlighted the winner of the 2006 Chief Acquisition Officers Council (CAOC) Acquisition Management Award. The honor was awarded to two teams from the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) by Mr. Paul Denett, Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). In this edition, we focus on the Award's finalist and nominees.

Finalist: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Acquisition Management, Acquisition Training and Purchase Card Service Center

The team philosophy and collaboration demonstrated by the 11 members of the Acquisition Training and Purchase Card Service Center (ATPCSC) has resulted in a myriad of support for the acquisition goals and initiatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Two projects that directly support the Agency's acquisition mission are the design of a support network and the development of training courses. The network was designed to support Simplified Acquisition Contracting Officers (SACOs) who purchase goods and services for laboratories in geographically remote regions.

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FAI Partners with National Contract Management Association

By Victoria Davidson, Contractor, FAI

In fulfilling our mission to foster and promote the development of a professional acquisition workforce, Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI) is pleased to announce our partnership with the Nation Contract Management Association (NCMA).

For more about the partnership, visit www.fai.gov/february07news.asp



AbilityOne to Replace the JWOD Acronym

By Stephanie Lesko, Public Affairs Specialist

AbilityOne will become the new name of a longstanding procurement program employing people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities under the auspices of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act. According to Andrew D. Houghton, Chairperson of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee), AbilityOne will replace the "JWOD" acronym.

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E-Gov ... Making Acquisitions Easier

By Victor E. Powers, Director, National Institutes of Health Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC)

In recent years, government procurement officials have experienced shrinking procurement staffs, counterbalanced by a tremendous growth in Information Technology (IT) procurement spending. At the same time, there has been the need to obtain products and services faster, while remaining in compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). The increased usage of Government-Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) as a procurement tool has greatly enhanced options available to the acquisition community to meet the demands and challenges in today's acquisition environment.

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Upcoming Events

Join us at the next Acquisition Learning Seminar, "Acquisition View: The Next Generation," on February 28th from 10-11:30 a.m. This free event will be held at the [GSA Central Office-Auditorium](#), where the Honorable Paul Denett will speak about his vision for interns. For more information or to register, [click here](#).