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## Ten Tangible Techniques to Trim Time – Innovative Practices that Promote Acquisition Efficiencies

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Melissa Starinsky is the Director of the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI) as a member of the Senior Executive Service, where she is responsible for developing and leading human capital and career development strategies to ensure the Federal Government has the professional acquisition workforce (100,000 or more members) it needs. With contracts in the hundreds of billions of dollars each year, it is critical that the Federal Government have a well-trained acquisition workforce to ensure wise expenditure of taxpayer dollars and delivery of quality services and products to citizens.

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