

The Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE) for Services Can Help You Achieve Your Agency's Mission

ACE STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Service Acquisition Reform Act (SARA), Section 1431 (b), requires the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to establish an Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE) for Services.

The purpose is to provide a central clearinghouse of service contracting best practices for both the public and private sectors.

AN ONLINE RESOURCE 24/7

- Supports and enhances the acquisition community.
- Identifies information and resources that transform knowledge into performance.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The private and public sector acquisition communities including program and product managers, and technical representatives.

ACE — a Partnership between:
Office of Federal Procurement Policy

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Defense Acquisition University

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Federal Acquisition Institute
with participation
from federal government
agencies, associations, and
industry representatives



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Visit the site at:

<http://acc.dau.mil/ace>

or

<http://www.acqnet.gov>

What is ACE for Services?

The Acquisition Center of Excellence is a premier services resource tool for both the public and private sector acquisition communities to promote knowledge sharing and excellence in making smart business decisions.

Benefits of ACE for Services

The ACE for Services offers a collaborative structure that has proven to be extremely effective in the creation and transfer of knowledge and provides value to organizations in the following ways:

- Provides a one-stop resource information center for both junior employees and more experienced practitioners;
- Facilitates the building of services knowledge;
- Facilitates the rapid identification of individuals with specific knowledge or skills;
- Fosters collaborative knowledge sharing across organizational boundaries (boundary spanning); and
- Promotes and facilitates the capture and re-use of existing knowledge assets within the acquisition community.

Need Services Information Now? ACE for Services Can Help...

ACE for Services is developed to share service contracting information and resources throughout the acquisition community and to promote the exchange of knowledge and expertise.



The ACE is leveraging the ACC

The Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) is the collaborative arm of the Acquisition, Technology & Logistics (AT&L) Knowledge Sharing System, and consists of publicly accessible knowledge communities whose goal is connecting people with know-how across government and industry.

What is a Community of Practice?

A community of practice provides a framework to empower its members to contribute and engage other professionals in their field.

This is accomplished by providing collaborative discussion forums; a way to share lessons learned, examples, and other valuable references; along with helping to connect the membership to others with experience.



How can you help? Join and Participate

A community of practice is only as good as its membership. We all have experience to share, and we are counting on you to become an active member of the ACE for Services. Build the community by sharing your examples and lessons learned to enhance the ACE for Services clearinghouse. Transform the way you work — leverage and share existing knowledge to work smarter (not harder) to overcome challenges and achieve your goals.

Features of the DAU ACC

- A collaborative and interactive interface
- Tables detailing statutory and regulatory requirements, guidebook links, and Internet links
- Presentation of information in a variety of views/layouts
- Access from anywhere (even from home)
- Glossary of Acronyms
- Access to AT&L Knowledge Sharing System (AKSS)
- Access to a diverse collection of Communities of Practice
- Access to members' business cards (when logged in to the ACC)

Why use DAU's ACC framework?

- It is working successfully in the DoD and industry communities.
- It allows for leveraging existing framework and resources.
- It builds a partnership with an agency that spends over 50 percent of the service dollars.

How can you help your acquisition community?

- Join the partnership and help populate the site with services best practices by contacting julia_wise@omb.eop.gov or jeffrey.birch@dau.mil.
- Suggest a link or contribute information directly to the ACE site at <http://acc.dau.mil/ace>.