

Defense Acquisition Regulations System Directorate Launches Online Resource for AT&L Workforce



The Defense Acquisition Regulations System (DARS) Directorate launched the first phase of Procedures, Guidance and Information (PGI), enabling the Department of Defense to more rapidly communicate internal administrative and procedural information to the acquisition workforce. As an online resource, PGI serves as a companion to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to help acquisition professionals more effectively and efficiently do their jobs. Further, PGI will rapidly assist the acquisition community by providing DoD internal procedures and other information not requiring implementation in the formal regulation.

“The PGI site was actually born out of an initiative to redefine and better focus the content of DFARS,” says Ron Poussard, deputy director of DARS. “However, it has really evolved into a solution for rapidly communicating DoD policy and guidance.”

Historically, DFARS contained both mandatory and non-mandatory acquisition procedures, guidelines, and best practices. DoD recently decided the DFARS should focus only on:

- requirements of law
- DoD-wide policies
- delegations of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) authorities
- deviations from FAR requirements and policies
- procedures having a significant effect beyond the internal operation of DoD
- procedures having a significant impact on the public.

PGI Released in Two Phases

PGI will be fully implemented in two phases. The first phase primarily encompasses the non-regulatory coverage removed from the DFARS. In the future, DARS plans to rewrite PGI in non-regulatory language and to create additional content on specific topics of interest to users. The second phase adds:

- training resources
- supplemental background
- reference information to the Web site.

The initial installment of the site is now available on the Web at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/pgi>.