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**OMB's Office of Federal Procurement Policy Establishes Certification Requirements for Federal Program and Project Acquisitions Managers**

**Washington**—Today, the federal government took action to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its procurement workforce.

Paul Denett, the Administrator for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), issued a memo today establishing training and experience requirements for Federal Program and Project Managers across the Executive branch. The memo and certification details can be found at <http://www.cao.gov/documents/FAC-PPM.pdf>

“Well-trained and experienced program and project managers are an integral part of the acquisition workforce and are critical to successful contracting,” said Administrator Denett. “The establishment of a structured development plan will make sure things work better by ensuring that assigned managers have appropriate training and experience to help keep projects on schedule and within budget.”

Developed from the recommendations of an interagency working group, the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers outlines the skills and competencies needed by acquisitions managers to be successful in getting specific results from their programs and projects.

Major acquisitions contracts are defined in OMB's Circular A-11, Part 7, exhibit 300, *Planning, Budgeting, Acquisition, and Management of Capital Assets*. Those assigned to major acquisitions will have one year to be certified.

The certification applies to all civilian agencies. The Department of Defense has an existing and comparable program in place.

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