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**Office of Federal Procurement Policy Issues Policy Letter on
Federal Acquisition Workforce**

Washington, D.C. – The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) today issued a policy letter that emphasizes the importance of the Federal acquisition workforce and creates new training and development requirements for civilian agencies. The policy supports the President’s Management Agenda and its focus on human capital and financial management.

The new policy broadens the definition of the acquisition workforce by including acquisition-related functions such as program management. Under the new policy, defense and civilian acquisition workforce requirements will also be aligned to ensure that the federal acquisition workforce has common training standards.

In addition, the letter advances the new partnership between the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI) and the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), which are collocated on DAU’s Ft. Belvoir campus. FAI and DAU have joined together to advance the collective capabilities of the federal acquisition workforce and to ensure that acquisition professionals have the skills and competencies necessary to accomplish current and future agency missions.

"This policy will allow civilian agencies to strengthen their whole acquisition workforce through training and career development, rather than focusing just on traditional contracting functions. By doing so, we will be able to create better partnerships between program managers and contracting officers to improve how we acquire more than \$300 billion worth of goods and services each year," said David H. Safavian, Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. "By better aligning training standards for the civilian and Department of Defense acquisition communities, we will also facilitate career mobility for our contracting professionals. This improves job satisfaction, performance, and ultimately recruiting and retention of employees."

OFPP Policy Letter 05-01, *Developing and Managing the Acquisition Workforce*, can be found on <http://www.acqnet.gov/AcqNet/Library/OFPP/PolicyLetters/>.

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