


The Acquisition and Property Division's (APD) Acquisition Programs and Oversight Branch (APOB) *Spotlight* focuses on initiatives, tools, and resources that provide information, assistance, and support to enhance Research, Education, and Economics (REE) employees' ability to cooperatively endeavor to support REE's mission.

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APOB SPOTLIGHT



Congrats! ARS not only met but exceeded all Federal and Departmental Socio-Economic and Small Business goals in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012! The 4th quarter report providing details of ARS' achievements in the Procurement Preference Programs (PPP) is forthcoming. This is the 6th straight year that ARS has surpassed all Federal, and Departmental PPP mandates.

Let's keep that streak going in FY13!



Utility Procurement

ARS only has authority to contract for utilities for a period not to exceed one year. For details regarding utility purchases refer to **APD Alert [2013-01](#)** and **Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [41.201\(b\)](#)**.

Federal Acquisition Certifications:

Contracting (FAC-C) & Contracting Officer Representative (FAC-COR)

As a reminder on **October 1, 2012**, the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI) stopped accepting legacy courses CON 101, CON 104, CON 202, CON 204, and CON 210 to meet the requirements for FAC-C. Effective **November 1, 2012**, individuals that allow their FAC-C or FAC-COR expire must reapply for certification using the current certification requirements; i.e., legacy courses previously used to become certified will not be accepted for recertification. In addition, individuals must demonstrate completion of the continuous learning that caused the initial certificate to expire. Please refer to the [FAI Web site](#) for FAC certification training requirements.

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[APD Alert 2013-01 – Utilities Procurement](#)

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