

Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy Acquisition Exchange Program

Project Description #1

Opportunity: Contract Policy & International Contracting Projects

Organization: DPAP/CPIC

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 6 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: 5E621, the Pentagon

Coverage of travel/temporary relocation expense: Not authorized – must be covered by applicant's organization

To Apply: Submit the Defense Procurement Acquisition Exchange Program Application Form with current resume. Applications are preferred via e-mail but can be submitted by hard copy.

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Background of Assignment:

The Deputy Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (Policy) is responsible for a broad range of contracting policies, including: small business; suspension/debarment; Federal Prison Industries; Javits Wagner O'Day program; intellectual property; government property; performance-based service contracts; past performance; progress payments; performance-based payments; cost principles; Cost Accounting Standards; pricing commercial items; weighted guidelines profit policy; Truth in Negotiations Act; Prompt Payment Act; contract payment matters; and the development and management of workforce policy in DoD. The directorate is also responsible for cost, price, and finance policies that provide for fair and reasonable contract prices, cost reimbursement, and contract financing. The Deputy Director chairs the Contracting Functional Integrated Product Team that advises the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy on the competencies and training requirements for the contracting workforce. The directorate frequently works with the Military Departments, Defense Contract Management Agency, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, other Federal agencies, congressional staffers, and industry associations to determine policy implementation approaches and develop the most practical and reasonable procurement solutions.

Project Description:

Specific projects that could be performed by the participant are listed below. The project mentor and the participant will agree upon the actual projects that will be performed.

(1) The individual(s) selected for this assignment will support the Deputy Director and the senior procurement analysts in the office to: review policies, develop improvements to existing policies; prepare coordinated positions; and advocate approval of policy changes with higher levels within the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

(2) Specific tasks may be in the following areas: services contracting; inter-agency contracting; competition; commercial items; small business and other preference programs; intellectual property; and other transactions. Also the areas of Contract Pricing, Contract Cost, and Contract Finance such as profit policy, cost Principles (FAR Part 31), Defense Base Act, as well as payments and contract closeout issues.

(2) The individual(s) selected for this assignment may serve as the legislative coordinator within DPAP/P to: review legislation proposed by other DoD organizations and Congress for potential impact on the procurement community; prepare comments on proposed legislation and coordinate comments within DoD procurement community; and assist other DP offices in preparing and processing legislative proposals through the legislative process.

(3) The individual(s) selected for this assignment may support DoD's acquisition policy and program matters regarding DoD-wide contracting workforce skills and training requirements.

Benefit of the assignment: Opportunity to:

- Interact with senior officials in the Department and throughout the Federal Government.
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the policy development process and the skills needed to prepare and advocate policy changes.
 - Promote different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
 - Make a difference and improve the contracting policies, and workforce development.
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to obtain insight into contracting policies of DoD and the Federal Government.
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Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have strong technical knowledge of contracting rules and procedures.
- Have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently, as a team and as a team leader.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively

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Project Description #2

Opportunity: FAR/DFARS/PGI Projects

Organization: DPAP/DARS

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 3 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: 4800 Mark Center Drive
Suite 15D07
Alexandria, VA 22350

Coverage of travel/temporary relocation expense: Not authorized – must be covered by applicant's organization

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Background of Assignment:

Individual(s) will work directly and/or indirectly in support of the process of changing the FAR, DFARS, and PGI to include support of regulation transformation initiatives. Our goal is to provide the acquisition community useful tools for establishing successful contract relationships. Assignments will involve review and analysis of laws, the policies or statutory language that drives major changes, and their impact on the defense acquisition community as well as the civilian agencies (i.e., GSA and NASA). Individual(s) will interface with senior procurement officials from the Department of Defense and OMB (both OFPP and OIRA).

Project Description:

Assignments may include any of the following:

(1) Participate in FAR/DFARS/PGI initiatives from idea generation to publication (time permitting). This could include:

- Working on the team which reviews a proposed regulatory change;
- Participating in the DAR Council deliberations of that rule;

- Attending and participating in the review at the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and subsequent review by the Office of Management and Budget, as appropriate;
- After publication in the Federal Register, reviewing public comments on the proposed rule and recommending appropriate changes resulting from those comments; and
- Continuing this process until a Final Rule is implemented in the FAR or DFARS.

(2) Review legislation derived from the DoD's Appropriation and Authorization Acts to determine required changes, if any, to be made to the FAR and DFARS.

(3) Review the paperwork burdens imposed on industry by FAR and DFARS regulations and identify initiatives to reduce burdens.

(4) Process class and individual deviations to the FAR and DFARS.

Benefit of the assignment: An opportunity to:

- Make a difference and improve acquisition policies, processes, and procedures.
- Interact with senior officials in the Department and the Federal Government.
- Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process (e.g., implement FAR/DFARS changes).
- Promote new and different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.

Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have the ability to work in a team and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively.

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Project Description #3

Opportunity: Contingency Contracting

Organization: DPAP/CCAP

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pacc/cc/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 3 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: 3C958, the Pentagon

Coverage of travel/temporary relocation expense: Not authorized – must be covered by applicant's organization

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Background of Assignment:

The Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) is the principal staff element of the Secretary of Defense in the exercise of policy development, planning, resource management and program evaluation responsibilities. The Contingency Contracting Directorate's responsibilities are to review the procurement aspects that are subject to OSD oversight and to provide policy guidance on all aspects of the contingency contracting arena. The Directorate assists in providing oversight and management for the effective and efficient delivery of equipment and services that meet the needs of the warfighter through innovative policy, guidance, and oversight while being good stewards of the taxpayers' money. -

Project Description:

Specific projects that could be performed by the participant are listed below. The project mentor and the participant will agree upon the actual projects that will be performed.

(1) Work with the various DFARS Committees and/or FAR Teams to draft DFARS or FAR language necessary to implement new legislation or policy dealing with DoD procurement in a contingency operation.

(2) Assist with developing DoD Contingency Contracting acquisition policies and procedures.

Participate in formulation of Government-wide policies, interpret regulations, and assure consistent policy applications. Assist in interpretation and application of DoD Contingency Contracting policy aspects of acquiring services, non-DoD schedule contracts, cost, and procurement data, and contract placement and administrative functions.

(3) Work with procurement analyst on emergency procurement contracting policies and programs. Assist in review and evaluate proposed Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation (DFAR) policy changes and suggest revisions to comply with pertinent policy initiatives, laws, regulations, and judicial decisions.

(4) Work with oversight communities to include the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Defense Inspector General to respond to and support program audits and investigations. Assist in the consolidation and development of one response for the Department in responding to audit findings and recommendations.

(5) Schedule and support all CC efforts to implement contingency contracting plan of action. Through meetings, strategic planning sessions, policy development, draft the agendas for each meeting; consolidate and develop the briefings for each meeting; provide pre-brief materials; provide logistics support for meetings; develop action matrices and follow up on actions; draft minutes and meeting summaries.

Benefit of the assignment: Opportunity to:

- Interact with senior officials in the Department and throughout the Federal Government.
- Develop a thorough knowledge of the policy development and implementation process and the skills needed to prepare and advocate policy changes.
- Promote different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
- Engage with counterparts in foreign governments on contract policy affecting procurement with foreign entities.

Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently and as a team leader.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively.

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Project Description #4

Opportunity: Applying Procurement Practices to Today's Technology Centric

Organization: DPAP/PDI

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 3 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: 5611 Columbia Pike (Suffolk Building)
Suite O4D65
Fall Church, Virginia 22041

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Background of Assignment:

Individual(s) will work directly and/or indirectly in support of the Department's property management efforts. Assignments will involve working with other functional disciplines on broad property related with the primary focus being on procurement policy implications associated with the transition. Individual(s) will interface with senior officials from the Department of Defense, Civilian Agencies and OFPP.

Project Description:

Assignments may include any of the following based on the background and interests of the individual and the needs of the organization at the time of the assignment:

- (1) Participate with non-contracting personnel in the cross-functional OSD anti-counterfeiting working group developing policy to implement the risk-based approach directed by the USD(AT&L) to ensure the procurement of authentic goods throughout the supply chain.
- (2) Support development of policies to ensure contractor and government controls in information systems, information assurance and the handling of information is protected consistent with Department policy and regulation.

(3) Support the DoD Purchase Card Program to interpret DoD, GSA, GAO and other guidance as well as respond to congressional inquiries or writing proposed legislation. Additional activity may include performing and/or specifying requirements for data mining and reporting using the Purchase Card on Line System (PCOLS).

(4) Participate in the development of advanced approaches to property management that may directly or indirectly relate to Government Furnished Property, property accountability, and warranty management.

(5) Develop ad hoc reports for various known or expected reporting requirements.

(6) Review and provide a critical analysis of proposed policies, legislation, and reports, in any of the areas listed above.

(7) Draft DFARS or PGI changes, as may be needed to implement the results of any of the activities resulting from the assignments above.

Benefit of the assignment: An opportunity to:

- Work on topics at the forefront of the technology challenge of today's procurement professional
- Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to participate in the policy process.
- Promote new and different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.

Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have a basic understanding of the DoD 5000 and the FAR/DFAR
- Have a strong contracting background and analytical abilities.
- Have the ability to work in a team and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.

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Project Description #5

Opportunity: Services Acquisition & Strategic Sourcing

Organization: DPAP/SA

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/sa/index.html>

Duration of Assignment: 3 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: 3C958, Pentagon

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Background of Assignment:

The Services Acquisition Directorate is responsible for developing, implementing, governing and executing the acquisition oversight framework of services, and for the championing of strategic sourcing policy and initiatives, for the Department of Defense (DOD). Services acquisitions have accounted for more than half of all DOD contracting dollars spent in support of the Warfighter in recent years. Services Acquisition is responsible to ensure the proper process execution of services procurement results in the best value at the most reasonable cost.

Project Description:

Specific projects that could be performed by the participant are listed below. The project mentor and the participant will agree upon the actual projects that will be performed.

(1) The individual(s) selected for this assignment will support the Deputy Director, the senior procurement analysts and the senior military in the office to improve the tradecraft in the acquisition of services, which includes acquisition oversight as well as strategic sourcing of services within, and external to the Department of Defense.

(2) Specific tasks may be in the following areas: services acquisition oversight; services contracting; acquisition oversight, services acquisition process and policy development and/or improvement; spend analysis; metrics development; portfolio management; market segmentation and analysis; improving requirements definition; and strengthening acquisition management across the entire DOD, including outside the normal acquisition chain.

(3) The individual(s) selected for this assignment may serve as action officer on services acquisition oversight, including acquisition reviews.

(4) The individual(s) selected for this assignment may support DoD's participation and execution of strategic sourcing under the Federal-wide Strategic Sourcing Leadership Council, regarding Federal level sourcing of DOD services and supplies as appropriate.

Benefit of the assignment: Opportunity to:

- Interact with senior officials in the Department and throughout the Federal Government.
 - Develop, implement and oversee new acquisition processes regarding service acquisitions
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the services oversight acquisition oversight, including policy development process.
 - Promote different perspectives into senior acquisition oversight and policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
 - Make a difference and improve the services acquisition capabilities.
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level oversight process implementation, as well as an opportunity to obtain insight into contracting policies of DoD and the Federal Government.
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Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have initiative and the desire for self-improvement.
- Have the desire to improve acquisition.
- Have strong analytical abilities.
- Have moderate to strong technical knowledge of services acquisition processes.
- Have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Be empathetic and able to view issues from a variety of different perspectives.
- Be willing to implement new ideas and processes effectively.

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Project Description #6

Opportunity: Enterprise Information – Acquisition Data Governance

Organization: OUSD(AT&L)ARA/EI (Acquisition Resources and Analysis/Enterprise Information)

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Duration of Assignment: 6 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location:

4800 Mark Center Drive

Suite 15F09-02

Alexandria, VA 22350

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Background of Assignment:

The Deputy Director of ARA for Enterprise Information is responsible for USD AT&L's Acquisition Visibility mission to provide USD AT&L and other senior leadership timely access to authoritative and reliable data to support acquisition oversight, accountability, and decision-making of DoD's \$1.7 trillion Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP) and Major Automated Information System (MAIS) portfolio. To achieve this mission, EI has three major strategic goals: 1) Deliver acquisition information and data requirements to USD(AT&L) and staff; 2) Deliver leadership an authoritative acquisition information management and analytical capability on behalf of USD(AT&L); 3) Provide techniques, strategies, information management, tools, software, and services that provide authoritative acquisition information to the USD(AT&L). To accomplish these goals, the team has three major objectives that it works toward: define and govern key decision-making data; make data available and easy to access; provide tools to use, report and analyze data.

Project Description:

Specific projects that could be performed by the participant are listed below. The project mentor and the participant will agree upon the actual projects that will be performed. The individual(s) selected for this assignment will:

- (1) Support the Acquisition Visibility (AV) Program Manager and staff to implement AV capabilities and to support improvements to Defense Acquisition oversight technologies and activities;
 - (2) Serve as the Business Advisor to the AV Program Manager on acquisition and financial management issues; and
 - (3) Support acquisition strategy development, cost estimating, performance work statement development, quality assurance plans, services and information technology procurements, contract oversight, and inter-agency contracting.
- Specific tasks may be in the following areas: program management support, evaluation of capability priorities and trades, coordination of software releases, evaluation of training materials, program support for system operations, and long range acquisition planning.
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Benefit of the assignment: An opportunity to:

- Interact with senior officials in the Department and throughout the Federal Government.
 - Gain practical experience in program management to support potential DAWIA Level II PM certification.
 - Gain exposure to senior-level Department oversight activities, including Defense Acquisition Executive Summary reviews of MDAP and MAIS programs.
 - Develop first-hand knowledge of the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution process including support to the Program Objective Memorandum, Budget Estimate Submission, and President's Budget.
 - Help transform the way DoD Acquisition leaders use data for decision making.
 - Gain perspective on the impact of acquisition policy on Acquisition Visibility business rules and technical tools.
 - Make a difference for acquisition staff and analysts by recommending improvements to training, assistance, and other user-support materials.
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Job Requirements: Individual(s) must obtain at least an interim DoD Secret clearance before starting the assignment.

Individual(s) should:

- Have strong technical knowledge of contracting rules and procedures.
- Have the ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently, as a team, and as a team leader.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively.

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Project Description #7

Opportunity: Defense Acquisition Workforce Projects

Organization: Office of Human Capital Initiatives

Target Grade: GS-11 or above

Webpage: <https://dap.dau.mil/workforce/Pages/hci.aspx>

Duration of Assignment: 6 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: Bldg 291, DAU Campus, Ft Belvoir, VA

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Background of Assignment:

The Director of Human Capital Initiatives (HCI) reports directly to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and supports the Under Secretary and senior acquisition leaders in strategically leading and managing all defense-wide acquisition workforce planning, programs and initiatives. Working in the Office of Human Capital Initiatives provides participants a unique career developmental experience for high-caliber individuals in acquisition career fields.

Project Description:

Specific projects that could be performed by the participant are listed below. The project mentor and the participant will agree upon the actual projects that will be performed. Participant will support planning and implementing DoD-wide initiatives to strategically improve the professionalism and quality of the defense acquisition workforce. The assignment will provide experience in collaborating across elements of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, elements of the OUSD(AT&L), the Military Services, other components, and acquisition functional communities. Elements of experience include acquisition workforce planning, initiative execution, policymaking, collaboration, team building, staff action officer and developing legislative proposals

Benefit of the assignment: Opportunity to:

- Interact with senior officials in the Department and throughout the Federal Government.
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the policy development process and the skills needed to prepare and advocate policy changes.
 - Promote different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
 - Make a difference and improve the contracting policies, and workforce development.
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to obtain insight into contracting policies of DoD and the Federal Government.
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Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have a minimum of five years of acquisition experience
- Have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently, as a team and as a team leader.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively
- Ability to collaborate with stakeholders using a high degree of professionalism and diplomacy.

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Project Description #8

Opportunity: Senior Price/Cost Analyst (More than one candidate may be selected)

Organization: U.S. AbilityOne Commission

Target Grade: GS-13 or above

Webpage: www.abilityone.gov

Duration of Assignment: 3 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: 1401 S. Clark Street, 715
Arlington, VA 22202

Coverage of travel/temporary relocation expense: Not authorized – must be covered by applicant's organization

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Background of Assignment:

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Individual(s) will work directly and/or indirectly in support administration of the U.S. AbilityOne Program in accordance with the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. Inasmuch as DoD is the largest customer for the AbilityOne Program, the candidate will perform liaison/collaboration duties with OUSD (AT&L)/DPAP as part of this special assignment.

Project Description:

Assignments may include any of the following:

(1) Participate in administration and oversight of the AbilityOne Program. This may include:

- Working on the team which administers the Program cooperative agreement(s) established with designated Central Nonprofit Agencies.
- Developing and executing program regulations, policies and procedures.

- Participating in the formulation of the initial agreement between the U.S. AbilityOne Commission and its designated Central Nonprofit Agencies.
 - Reviewing Program related financial and business management reports.
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Benefit of the assignment: An opportunity to:

- Make a difference and unique contribution to enhance the procurement-related administration of the AbilityOne Program, which employs more than 46,000 people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the delivery of products and services to the Federal Government.
 - Interact with senior officials in the Department and across the Federal Government, including Presidential appointees, and interact with Chief Executive Officers of nonprofit organizations authorized to participate in the AbilityOne Program.
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level cost and price analyst functions, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
 - Contribute to implementation of a significant change management process
 - Develop and practice public speaking skills with a variety of large and small audiences
 - Promote new and different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
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Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have the ability to work in a team and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Performs in-depth price and cost analysis for high dollar value multi-year complex procurements on the various elements of major contractor proposals, reviewing in detail the significant direct and indirect cost elements such as: material; labor; overhead; general and administrative expenses; facilities; engineering; special tooling/special test equipment; packaging and packing; transportation; and other costs for allowability, allocability and reasonableness.
- Conducts market research to determine reasonableness of offered prices for commercial items and/or services and utilizes economic, statistical, accounting, and financial analysis principles and techniques (e.g., random sampling, learning curve, computerized cost models) necessary to evaluate contractors projections, analyze audit and technical reports, project price trends, isolate economic factors, and evaluate price/cost data contained in proposals to determine reasonableness of all cost elements.
- Obtains price and cost models from prime contractors used to base pricing and costs projections and reviews and analyses the model calculations to determine price reasonableness.
- Possess knowledge of the duties inherent in the administration or price/cost analyst of firm-fixed-price contracts and other contracts of similar complexity or of specific phases of more complex contracts such as fixed plus-award-fee.
- Identify and address issues with contractors on contractual requirements (as necessary).
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively.

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Project Description #9

Opportunity: Project Management/Policy Development (More than one candidate may be selected)

Organization: U.S. AbilityOne Commission

Target Grade: GS-13 or above

Webpage: www.abilityone.gov

Duration of Assignment: 3 months – 1 year

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: 1401 S. Clark Street, 715
Arlington, VA 22202

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Individual(s) will work directly and/or indirectly in support administration of the U.S. AbilityOne Program in accordance with the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. Inasmuch as DoD is the largest customer for the AbilityOne Program, the candidate will perform liaison/collaboration duties with OUSD (AT&L)/DPAP as part of this special assignment.

Project Description:

Assignments may include any of the following:

(1) Participate in contracting-related initiatives with the U.S. AbilityOne Commission to strengthen the administration and oversight of the AbilityOne Program. This may include:

- Working on the team that administers AbilityOne Program cooperative agreement(s) established with designated Central Nonprofit Agencies.

- Developing and executing AbilityOne Program-related regulations, policies and procedures.
 - Participating in the FAR/DAR Council deliberations related to AbilityOne Program regulatory changes.
 - Reviewing and analyzing AbilityOne Program-related financial and business management reports.
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Benefit of the assignment: An opportunity to:

- Make a difference and unique contribution to enhance the procurement-related administration of the AbilityOne Program, which employs more than 46,000 people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the delivery of products and services to the Federal Government.
 - Interact with senior officials in the Department and across the Federal Government, including Presidential appointees, and interact with Chief Executive Officers of nonprofit organizations authorized to participate in the AbilityOne Program.
 - Develop a thorough knowledge of the senior level policymaking and implementation, as well as an opportunity to participate in administration of the rulemaking process (e.g., implement FAR/DFARS changes).
 - Contribute to implementation of a significant change management process
 - Develop and practice public speaking skills with a variety of large and small audiences
 - Promote new and different perspectives into senior procurement policy making, while engaging in a career-broadening experience.
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Job Requirements: Individual(s) should:

- Have the ability to work in a team and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Have initiative and ability to work independently.
- Have strong organizational and analytical abilities.
- Have strong skills in contract management, contract regulation and policy writing, contract pricing, data management and/or financial management.
- Be able to view issues from different perspectives.
- Be able to implement new ideas and processes effectively.