

OFPP launches the Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE) for Services

On Thursday, November 18, 2004, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) will launch the online Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE) for Services. Acquisition professionals will also discuss their performance-based service acquisition best practices featured on ACE.

The ACE for Services is an online central clearinghouse for public and private sector service contracting best practices, policy and guidance, e-tools, as well as education and training opportunities. The center was established collaboratively by the OFPP, Defense Acquisition University (DAU), Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI), civilian agencies and industry representatives, associations and organizations, in accordance with Service Acquisition Reform Act (SARA), Section 1431(b).

Date/Time: Thursday, November 18, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00.

Location: The General Services Administration (GSA) Auditorium, 18th & F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405. A Picture ID is required to enter the building.

Guest Speakers: Congressman Tom Davis (invited), OFFP Associate Administrator, Mr. Robert Burton; DAU, Vice President, Dr. James McMichael; GSA, Chief Acquisition Officer, Mr. Karl Reichelt; and Government Accountability Office (GAO), Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Mr. William T. Woods

Services Best Practice Panel: Dani Wildason, US Coast Guard; Susan Balog, Hewlett-Packard; and Michael Cameron, Booz-Allen Hamilton

Target audience: The **private and public sector** acquisition community including: program managers, project managers, contracting officers, contract specialists, contracting officer representatives, contracting officer technical representatives, and anyone else involved in planning, acquiring, and administering a service contract.

Registration: Email Chris Nelson at christine.nelson@gsa.gov. If you have any questions, please call 703-558-8411. Registration is available on a first come first serve basis to the first 276 individuals.

Cost: free.

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