



THE DOC SCOOP



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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREDIT CARD CLASSES

Credit card classes will be held in the Ed Center auditorium from 0930-1130 on the following dates:

2 Mar 04

30 Mar 04

Class spaces may be reserved by calling 798-7833 or 798-7803. Class completion and the Defense Acquisition (DAU) Tutorial are prerequisites to receiving Approving Official or Card holder appointments. The website for DAU is <http://clc.dau.mil>

OFFICE SUPPLY PURCHASES

Cardholders are reminded of the requirement to purchase office supplies at Eagle Mart or one of the 12 Army Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA). Mandatory BPA purchases must be processed through the DOD EMALL located at www.emall.dla.mil. Users must login and click into the Army Office Supply BPA.

WELCOME

Richard Braun, our newest member of the Garrison & Tenant Division.

CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING SUPPORTS THE DIVISION IN IRAQ

We received this report from our Contingency Contracting Officer, MAJ Scott Bruner, after the last newsletter was published. He and his team have been kept very busy during their deployment. Also deployed are CPT Scott Feathers, CPT Kathleen Jacobson and SFC Dennis Parmer. We are anxiously awaiting their return and looking forward to hearing their "War Stories."

MAJ Bruner writes:

"Open for business 0830-0200 daily! It's like September 30th close out every day...New Year's eve over and over and over again!

Was a hot summer...almost two months of 110-120 degree days all exactly the same...no clouds, just blue sky and the sun. Just got some relief last week...never broke 100. Very pleasant today at about 93. We're buying just about everything. Building repair/renovation is popular. Gravel and lumber too. Lots of A/C, refrigerators, freezers and block ice. Local labor and Iraqi security force salaries. Weapon mounts, spare tire racks, rest and rejuvenation contracts at Iraqi resorts, computers, security fences and devices, etc. Spent \$8 million in August."



MAJ Scott Bruner in Iraq

MARY JACKSON RETIRES

Mary Jackson completed an illustrious 28 year career at Fort Campbell with her retirement on 3 January. Mary came to the Directorate of Contracting in 1978 as a GS-03 Procurement Clerk and steadily advanced to her final duties as GS-11 Cost and Price Analyst. She was a Fort Campbell Civilian Employee of the Year for 1992 and one of the early Garrison leaders in Total Army Quality Management. The great turn out for her luncheon demonstrated the high regard in which she is held by the Fort Campbell community. We will miss her greatly and wish her many wonderful adventures during her retirement.

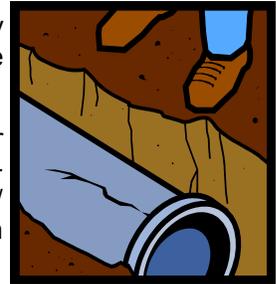


Ted Purdom, DGC, presents Mary with a Superior Civilian Service Award

UTILITIES PRIVATIZATION

The DOC has been transferred administration of the gas and water utilities contracts initially awarded by the Corps of Engineers. DCAA auditors are teaming with us in evaluating price proposals and assisting in reviewing other cost/price issues.

Privatization is the transfer of ownership of utility infrastructure and maintenance and repair responsibility to qualified municipal, regional or private utility entities. This initiative was begun by the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management because owning/operating/maintaining these systems is not a core Army competency and funding did not keep pace with technology or changes in regulations, rendering the systems obsolete.



Aging Infrastructure requires repair and upgrade

The water/waste water utility services contract is very interesting and challenging to administer. Contract type is a firm-fixed-price with Base Fee and Award Fee, a Price Redetermination every two years, plus estimated line items for Other Services and Capital Upgrades. The contractor, CH2M Hill Constructors, Inc., has full ownership, operation and maintenance responsibility for the Government-owned water and wastewater distribution system, to include furnishing all facilities, labor, materials, tools, and equipment necessary to operate, maintain, repair, expand, upgrade, and improve the distribution system to provide safe, reliable, adequate, and dependable service to Fort Campbell 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for 50 years. Capital improvement requirements include planning and conducting water/waste water system studies, working with Fort Campbell Family Housing (FCFH), LLC, to develop and install water/waste water lines at new housing areas on post, and building a new Operations Building.

The gas utility services contract is also very interesting and challenging to administer. Contract type is a cost contract with Base Fee. The contractor, Clarksville Gas & Water – Fort Campbell, has full ownership, operation and maintenance responsibility for the Government-owned gas distribution system, to include furnishing all facilities, labor, materials, tools, and equipment necessary to operate, maintain, repair, expand, upgrade, and improve the distribution system to provide safe, reliable, adequate, and dependable service to Fort Campbell 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for 50 years. Capital improvement requirements include construction of the new Clarksville Gas & Water Operations Building, upgrades involving the replacement of existing natural gas mains and services, working with FCFH, LLC to begin installation of meters on all housing units, and meter replacement and service line repairs at commercial sites such as the schools, PX, and fast food restaurants on post.

WELCOME HOME 101ST!

A massive effort to get the barracks in top notch condition for our returning heroes and heroines is underway. The DOC, PWBC and contractor, J&J/BMAR have been working fast and furiously to ensure our soldiers arrive home to pleasant living conditions. This particular acquisition was of special concern to our GC, COL Ruggley, who attended the pre-work meeting to express his view that this was the most important requirement on the installation and through our teamwork we had the opportunity to present to our soldiers a wonderful gift.

The success of the project can be attributed to a great team consisting of Contracting Officer and Specialists, Susan Carroll, Deborah Rapp, and Angela Jacobs who were given the wide latitude to exercise business judgment; Public Work Business Center employees working extended hours coordinating and inspecting the work and JJ/BMAR employees working 12 hour shifts, 7 days a week. We are extremely proud to serve our soldiers and hope they enjoy their accommodations after a year or more of tough living conditions.



HELP IS JUST A CLICK AWAY

Not sure what to submit or who to call for help? CAM Regulation 715-1 addresses areas such as sole source, off-loading, contracting lead times and other useful information for our customers. You can download the regulation from the Fort Campbell intranet at <http://fcintranet.campbell.army.mil>, menu item "publications." Appendix A provides points of contact for questions and concerns.

Contractors who wish to do business with Fort Campbell can go the DOC web site at <http://doc.campbell.army.mil> and download "Doing Business With Fort Campbell." This publication provides information regarding other contracting offices that support Fort Campbell as well as DOC information. Points of contact and/or telephone numbers are listed for each office.

Want to address a concern or tell us of good customer service you received? Go to our web site and click on "ICE." Continuous improvement requires feedback from our customers, please take a minute and tell us how we're doing.

ARMY PURCHASE CARD PROGRAM IMPROVES

According to the latest General Accounting Office (GAO) review (GAO-04-156, December 2, 2003) the overall management of the Army Purchase Card Program is showing signs of improvement. The Army, like most agencies, has instituted corrective measures – including greater penalties, more oversight, and the issuance of fewer cards. The Army revised purchase card policies, retrained cardholders and officials who approve purchases, and reduced the number of accounts and their credit limits. However, tighter control is still necessary to minimize the number of improper and abusive or questionable purchase card acquisitions. DoD plans to implement several recommendations in an effort to improve the program by June 2004, which will include:

- Obtaining discounts from frequently used vendors
- Establishing service-wide databases for data-mining to help detect fraud and abuse
- Investigating suspected and known fraud cases
- Linking appraisals of cardholders, Approving Officials and Agency Program Coordinators to performance standards

According to the GAO report, "DoD and the military services have taken positive steps to improve the controls over the purchase card program in response to requirements in the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization and DoD Appropriations Acts. In general, DoD has made the most progress in establishing or modifying policies and procedures...."

ARMY CONTRACTING AGENCY (ACA)

VISION

Lead the Army in efficient and effective contracting with a professional team committed to continuous innovation and process improvement. We are a customer support organization focused on the successful achievement of command mission and the objective force.

GOAL

To provide our customers with a substantial return on investment by obtaining goods and services on time and at the lowest total ownership cost for our soldiers.