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UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
ACQUISITION CORPORATE GROUP

1. Purpose. This regulation establishes the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Acquisition Corporate Group (ACG).
2. Applicability. This regulation applies to all HQUSACE elements and all USACE commands.
3. Distribution Statement. Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.
4. References.
  - a. Engineer Regulation No. 15-1-22, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Changes to the Engineer Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (EFARS) through the USACE EFARS Working Group (EWG).
  - b. OM 25-1-50, Correspondence.
5. General. This regulation formalizes the senior level review process for acquisition policy matters. It is intended to clarify and streamline staffing of actions elevated for approval to the Chief of Engineers (COE). Within USACE acquisition encompasses all facets of facilities lifecycle management, including planning, design, construction, contracting, real estate, environmental mitigation, operations and disposal, and related activities. These processes are managed within the USACE corporate business process - the Project Management Business Process.
6. The USACE ACG.
  - a. USACE acquisition is broader than contracting and requires a full team approach and corporate oversight to assure that appropriate business decisions are being considered in accomplishing the various missions.
  - b. The USACE ACG will serve as the senior level sounding board and advisor to the COE for acquisition related issues that cannot be resolved through normal channels.
  - c. The USACE ACG will be chaired by the Deputy Commanding General, and will include the Director of Civil Works, the Director of Military Programs, the Director of Real Estate, the

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Director of Research and Development, the Chief Counsel, the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, and the Director of Small Business. The Chief of Engineering and Construction will serve as the Executive Secretary of the ACG. The ACG will employ a working group of its deputies or appropriate division level representatives to fully evaluate an issue before staffing with the ACG itself. The USACE Chief of Staff will chair this ACG working group.

d. The ACG is not intended to replace normal business procedures or to supersede major subordinate command (MSC) level decision authority. Rather, the intent of this group is to facilitate resolution of policy issues that have reached the highest command level. Issues requiring ACG review and recommendations to the COE may surface from various sources and levels, both internal and external to USACE. Such issues may represent unresolved EWG cases, specific requests by commanders, acquisition plans with major corporate policy or execution implications, contracting officer warranting policies, significant procurement policy changes and other acquisition related topics.


#### 7. Procedures.

a. Program or project specific acquisition issues will normally be assigned to a project manager (PM) in the appropriate organizational element of headquarters. Other acquisition issues will be assigned to a PM having functional proponentcy or advocacy and this PM may reside anywhere within the HQUSACE.

b. The assigned PM shall be responsible for assembling a Project Delivery Team (PDT) to analyze and develop an issue for staffing with the ACG, preparing and submitting ACG recommendations to the COE for final disposition, and assuring that implementing actions are properly tasked and accomplished by the appropriate office or implementation body. Further, the PM is responsible for keeping the appropriate MSC and District informed of the actions by the ACG and COE. Each member of the PDT will be responsible for informing and coordinating as necessary with key personnel in their functional chain of command on the particular issue to be addressed.

c. Acquisition policy issues will be submitted to the ACG through its working group using the Decision Memorandum format in accordance with OM 25-1-50. The Decision Memorandum will provide a descriptive background, explain attempts to resolve the issue through normal channels, and will clearly address why the issue is being referred to the ACG. Further, the memorandum must include a discussion of the command benefits and risks and a clear recommendation for COE action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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