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Upcoming Training Updates

12/17, Juneau

- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ RFPs

12/18, Anchorage

- ◆ RFPs
- ◆ Specifications

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CPO Corner

the Division of General Services is making big changes to the procurement officer training courses over the next few months. The biggest being the development of a Procurement Academy, a comprehensive, one- to two-day course targeted at bringing a new-to-public-procurement employee up to speed and certified at the appropriate level in a matter of days instead of months. This will also allow us to offer a greater variety of recertification courses with fresh content throughout the rest of the year.

- ⇒ Beginning with this issue, The Procurement Report will be moving to a bi-monthly distribution. Look for the next issue in January!
- ⇒ Many DGS-administered contracts have been reassigned to different Contracting Officers. The new assignments will be reflected on the [Contract Award Manual](#) (CAM) over the coming weeks. In the meantime, see attached for an updated Contracting Officer Contact List.
- ⇒ A new [Contract Feedback Form](#) has been added to the CAM. We welcome your thoughts, concerns, suggestions, and questions on the various statewide contracts that are offered.
- ⇒ The public comment period on the procurement regulations update ends at the close of business on December 2, 2013. Once this period ends, DGS will consider any comments received, adopt the regulations, and send to the Governor's Office and the Department of Law for final reviews.
- ⇒ New contracts for land fuels have been awarded and updates to the CAM documents are in progress.
- ⇒ Tec Pro, LTD, of Anchorage, will soon be awarded a WSCA-NASPO contract for Security Protection, including products for access control, burglar alarms, and CCTV.
- ⇒ The statewide aircraft charter contracts, both fixed wing and helicopter, are being prepared for resolicitation. If you have any feedback on these contract or have ideas on how to improve them, please use the [Contract Feedback Form](#) to let us know.
- ⇒ For RAPs and waivers submitted during the first half of FY14, DGS maintained an average turnaround time, from receipt to CPO approval, of **4.11 days**.

Ask a Contracting Officer...

Q: The Alaska Veterans Preference (AS 36.30.321(f)(2)) states that a "qualifying entity" is a partnership, LLC, or corporation if a majority of the partners, members, or owners are Alaska veterans. What if there is an even number of partners, members or owners, and half of them are Alaska veterans? Or what if there are two partners, members, or owners, and ownership is distributed 75% and 25% between the two?

A: Because the language requires a majority, an even number of partners, members, or owners, who are evenly split between Alaska veterans and non-Alaska veterans would not meet the requirements, as 50% is not a majority.

If there is documentation showing that, between two or more partners, members, or owners, ownership is distributed such that the Alaska veteran owns 51% or more of the business, that would satisfy the majority requirement.

Have a question you'd like to ask? [E-mail it to us!](#)