Leadership Excellence for Acquisition Professionals Program

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Our government’s ability to serve the public depends on the strength, expertise and leadership of federal mission-support functions. While their work is usually done behind the scenes, it is imperative to build the leadership attributes of these professionals because of their wide-ranging impact, the interconnectedness of their work and their ability to positively impact strategic decisions.

The Leadership Excellence for Acquisition Professionals Program, designed for GS-12 to GS-14 federal employees in acquisitions, prepares these mission-critical federal professionals to become better leaders by focusing on the four core tenets of the Partnership’s Public Service Leadership Model—self-awareness, engaging others, leading change and achieving results. By the end of the course, participants are able to make values-based decisions, use their roles to build strong partnerships, identify how to drive positive impact within their organizations and demonstrate enhanced leadership attributes.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

SESSION 1: Defining Your Leadership Style
April 2–4, 2024

SESSION 2: Developing High Performing Teams
May 14–16, 2024

SESSION 3: Championing a Culture of Change
June 11–13, 2024

SESSION 4: Results Driven Decision-Making
July 16–18, 2024

SESSION 5: Developing a Strategic Mindset
August 20–22, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: OURPUBLICSERVICE.ORG/LEAP
APPLICATION CRITERIA
Completed applications must include:
- Personal information.
- Professional experience.
- Development goals for the program.
- A current resume.
- Supervisor endorsement.

Applicants should write short-answer responses that demonstrate how their career goals align with the expectations of LEAP participant.

Program content is geared toward individuals with leadership experience who seek positions or roles of increased responsibility. We have high standards for all participants and evaluate their applications to ensure they will be able to contribute fully to the program.

Applicants can save their application and return to it at any time.

WHO SHOULD APPLY
Enrollment is open to high-performing acquisition professionals who have reached the GS-12 to GS-14 level at the time of application. At minimum, participants should possess at least a FAC-C Level II or equivalent certification and have at least three years of federal contracting experience. To meet their guidelines, agencies may raise the level of qualifications.

LOCATION AND TIME COMMITMENT
All sessions will take place virtually from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET using the Zoom for Government platform. During the program, participants remain in their full-time jobs and meet every month, spending a total of 15 days in session, and devote three to five hours per week on session pre-work and group meetings. Participants are expected to attend all sessions, so applicants should review the class schedule and confirm their availability before applying to the program. Exceptions are made for family and work-related emergencies.