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| <b>AUDIENCE</b><br>LEADERS OF TEAMS OR PROJECTS<br>AND ACQUISITION PROFESSIONALS | <b>TUITION</b><br>\$6,999 | <b>LOCATION</b><br>VIRTUAL | <b>DURATION</b><br>7 MONTHS<br>(15 DAYS IN SESSION) |
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# Leadership Excellence for Acquisition Professionals Program

Our government's ability to serve the public depends on the strength, expertise and leadership of 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 acquisition professionals, prepares these mission-critical governmental employees 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.

## **SUMMER 2026 PROGRAM DATES**

### **ORIENTATION**

June 24, 2026 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM Eastern Time

### **SESSION 1: Defining Your Leadership Style**

June 30-July 2, 2026 | 10:00AM - 4:30PM EDT

### **SESSION 2: Developing High Performing Teams**

July 28-30, 2026 | 10:00AM - 4:30PM EDT

### **SESSION 3: Championing a Culture of Change**

September 1-3, 2026 | 10:00AM - 4:30PM EDT

### **SESSION 4: Results Driven Decision-Making**

October 27-29, 2026 | 10:00AM - 4:30PM EDT

### **SESSION 5: Developing a Strategic Mindset**

December 8-10, 2026 | 10:00AM - 4:30PM EST



## APPLICATION CRITERIA

Completed applications must include:

- Personal information.
- Professional experience.
- Developmental goals for the program.
- Supervisor endorsement - a link to the endorsement form is in the application

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

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.

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## WHO SHOULD APPLY

Enrollment is open to high-performing acquisition professionals in federal, state or local government (generally GS-12 to GS-14s at the federal level). At minimum, participants should possess at least three years of contracting experience. To meet their guidelines, agencies may raise the level of qualifications.

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## LOCATION AND TIME COMMITMENT

All sessions will take place virtually from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time 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. They will also 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.

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