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ACQUISITION REFORM



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Acquisition Reform an Army Top Priority

The Secretary of the Army announced on March 10, 1997, that acquisition reform is now and will continue to be one of the Army's top priorities. Speaking at a press conference at the USA Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, Michigan, Secretary West highlighted the importance of streamlining acquisition procedures to beef up modernization efforts.

"Acquisition reform emphasizes the elements of procurement that are smart, rather than just traditional," said Secretary West. *"It is a priority to the American taxpayer, who wants to know we are investing his or her tax dollars wisely and are getting results. Acquisition reform will also give us all the best 'bang for the buck.' This makes it the **number one priority** for America's Army."*

The press conference heralded the upcoming "Department of Defense Acquisition Reform Week." On March 17th, Secretary of Defense Cohen kicked-off a week-long observance that focused on conferences, training, and other activities designed to sustain acquisition reform momentum.



Procurement Management Mentorship Program

The Functional Chief Representative for Career Program 14 established a formal *mentoring program for Contracting and Acquisition* careerists. The initial phase of the procurement mentoring program is a one year pilot involving the contracting commands and activities in the national capital region. A primary focus of the program is training of both mentors and mentees to ensure complete understanding of the program's objectives. Anticipated benefits of the program include: professional development and growth; increased self esteem; greater job satisfaction; renewed vitality for the profession; enhanced organizational feedback; increased productivity; increased awareness of the organization; increase in opportunities for success; increased innovativeness and creativity; and broader strategic vision. For more information, contact Mary Fitzgerald at (703) 697-8298 or Esther Morse at (703) 695-3039.