



# ARMY ACQUISITION REFORM



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## ***IMPAC Card, Procuring Supplies Faster, Cheaper & Smarter***

The Fort Knox Director of Contracting (DOC) recently solicited bids for 1800 items using FAR Part 12 Procedures for commercial items. They made multiple awards for one-year using firm-fixed -price ID/IQ contracts to purchase supply items. Sixteen awards were made to thirteen small businesses and three large businesses. The small business awards represent approximately 96% of the total estimated contract dollar value.

The ordering and payment process utilizes the government purchase card program and is consistent with the Army's "paperless contracting" objectives. Order processing time under the old concept averaged three days while the current process averages one day. Through the first two weeks of the contract period of the 275 line items ordered, 245 were received within 72 hours.

Overall, Fort Knox customers are procuring supplies faster, cheaper and smarter. The Director of Logistics (DOL) inventory levels have been significantly reduced and or eliminated. Contractors are paid faster, interest payments under the Prompt Payment Act have been eliminated, and invoice payments through DFAS are reduced to one transaction a month to reimburse the IMPAC Card Services for vendor pay.

The Fort Knox DOC is the first in TRADOC to implement this new acquisition reform initiative to procure the Directorates of DOL and Public Works (DPW) recurring supply items. This concept represents a joint effort by the HQ TRADOC Directorates for Acquisition and Logistics and the Fort Knox DOC and DOL. Fort Knox was selected as the test site for TRADOC, based on their experience and success in the award and administration of ID/IQ contracts, using the IMPAC purchase card in lieu of hard-copy delivery orders. TRADOC anticipates that this process will be implemented TRADOC wide.

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