

**Commerce Acquisition Manual
CAM Notice 23-05**

- 1. Title or Purpose:** Contracting Certification and Warrant Program
- 2. File in:** Commerce Acquisition Manual (CAM) 1301.6
- 3. Effective:** February 1, 2023
- 4. Applicability:** The Department of Commerce (DOC) contracting personnel to include all employees in the contracting series (GS-1102) and all Contracting Officers, regardless of series, with authority to obligate funds above the micro-purchase threshold.
- 5. Supersedes:** This notice supplements CAM 1301.6, *Contracting Certification and Warrant Program* (December 2021)
- 6. Summary:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum entitled *Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) Modernization* was signed on January 19, 2023, and implements a single-level FAC-C professional certification, effective February 1, 2023. This chapter will be updated to reflect the new policy. **In the interim**, the following is in effect:
- The Department will implement the OMB memorandum entitled *Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) Modernization*.
 - The qualification standards for the contracting career field identified in Section 2 of this chapter remain unchanged. The training prescribed by the head of the agency for progression to GS-13 or higher-level contracting positions is outlined in Figure 1-2.
 - The legacy FAC-C Levels I, II, and III will be used to determine warrant level requirements. Legacy DAWIA certifications at the same certification level will also be recognized for warrant level purposes, provided that the individual also has a FAC-C professional certification.

Bureaus may issue warrants at a Level I for individuals with **only** the FAC-C professional certification and no other legacy certification. In addition, a waiver may be submitted in accordance with Section 4.9 of this chapter for any deviations to the Warrant Program.

All Warrant Program policies, procedures, and requirements are subject to change with the revision to this chapter.

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