COURSE SYLLABUS

CON 8400: Advanced Contingency Contracting Officer's Course (Self-Paced)

This course prepares experienced contracting professionals to lead and manage acquisition operations in complex, joint, and combined contingency environments, applying advanced contracting authorities, theater acquisition strategy, and operational decision-making skills. Participants develop the leadership capability and technical proficiency needed to execute high-stakes contracting missions with integrity, efficiency, and compliance in austere and deployed settings.

Group classes (Live Online) and onsite training are available for this course. For more information, email onsite@graduateschool.edu or visit: https://www.graduateschool.edu/courses/con-8400-advanced-contingency-contracting-officer-s-course-self-paced



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Course Outline

Module 1: Advanced Contingency Contracting Leadership: Roles, Authority, and Command Relationships

- Identify advanced contracting authority structures in joint and combined operational environments.
- Explain command relationships affecting CCO decision-making and contracting actions.
- Apply senior-level leadership responsibilities unique to deployed contracting offices.
- Recognize coordination requirements between contracting, legal, and operational commands.

Module 2: Theater Acquisition Strategy: Aligning Contracting with Commander's Intent

- Develop theater-level acquisition strategies that support operational objectives.
- Align contracting plans with the commander's intent and mission requirements.
- Assess sourcing options including host nation support, theater support contracts, and systems contracts.
- Apply acquisition planning judgment in resource-constrained and time-sensitive environments.

Module 3: Complex Contract Types and Structures in Contingency Environments

- Identify contract types and structures appropriate for complex contingency requirements.
- Evaluate risk allocation considerations when selecting contract structures in the field.
- Apply pricing and contract structure principles to high-value or high-risk contingency awards.
- Recognize legal and regulatory constraints governing contract type selection in deployed settings.

Module 4: Managing LOGCAP and Systems Support Contracts in a Deployed Setting

- Explain the structure and administration of LOGCAP task orders in operational environments.
- Identify roles and responsibilities for managing systems support contracts in theater.

- Coordinate between contracting, logistics, and program offices on theater contract performance.
- Apply oversight and accountability practices for large-scale support contracts in contingency settings.

Module 5: Advanced Contract Administration: Surveillance, Modifications, and Disputes in the Field

- Apply advanced surveillance and performance monitoring techniques in austere environments.
- Execute contract modifications and resolve complex performance issues in the field.
- Manage disputes, claims, and terminations under contingency acquisition conditions.
- Document contract administration actions in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Module 6: Contractor Personnel (CAAF) Management at the Senior CCO Level

- Identify regulatory requirements governing contractor personnel authorized to accompany the force.
- Apply senior CCO responsibilities for CAAF accountability, support, and oversight.
- Coordinate CAAF-related contracting actions with legal, security, and operational stakeholders.
- Manage contractor personnel issues arising during deployment, transition, and redeployment phases.

Module 7: Interagency, Host Nation, and Coalition Contracting Coordination

- Identify coordination requirements between U.S. contracting offices and interagency partners.
- Apply host nation contracting considerations in joint operational environments.
- Develop contracting approaches that support coalition and combined force operations.
- Recognize legal and policy constraints when conducting contracting activities with non-U.S. entities.

Module 8: Advanced Contingency Contracting Simulation Exercise #1

- Apply theater acquisition strategy and contracting leadership skills in a complex scenario.
- Demonstrate decision-making under operational pressure and resource constraints.
- Integrate lessons from Modules 1–7 into a realistic deployed contracting environment.
- Receive structured feedback on performance and areas for development.

Module 9: Legal, Ethical, and Inspector General (IG) Issues in Contingency Contracting

- Identify legal considerations unique to contingency acquisitions and deployed contracting offices.
- Recognize ethical obligations and standards of conduct for senior CCOs in the field.
- Explain IG roles, oversight functions, and audit responsibilities in contingency environments.
- Apply regulatory and legal guidance when resolving complex contracting compliance issues.

Module 10: Fraud Detection, Source Vetting, and Corruption Mitigation in High-Risk Environments

- Identify indicators of fraud, waste, and abuse in high-risk contracting environments.
- Apply source vetting and vendor screening procedures in contingency settings.
- Develop mitigation strategies for corruption risk in host nation and vendor relationships.
- Coordinate with IG, legal, and law enforcement on suspected fraud and contract irregularities.

Module 11: Transition Planning: Handoff, Closeout, and Redeployment Contracting Actions

- Plan and execute contracting handoff procedures during transition and redeployment phases.
- Apply contract closeout requirements and documentation standards in contingency environments.
- Coordinate with successor contracting offices to ensure continuity of support.
- Identify common closeout challenges and mitigation strategies for deployed contract portfolios.

Module 12: Advanced Contingency Contracting Simulation Exercise #2

- Apply integrated course knowledge in a multi-faceted contingency contracting scenario.
- Demonstrate proficiency in contract management, legal compliance, and leadership under pressure.
- Integrate lessons from Modules 9–11 into scenario-based decision-making.

- Receive structured assessment and performance feedback from instructors.

Module 13: Lessons Learned from Recent Contingency Operations: Case Studies and Analysis

- Analyze contracting successes and challenges drawn from recent contingency operations.
- Apply lessons learned to improve planning and execution in future operational environments.
- Evaluate how policy, doctrine, and practice have evolved based on operational experience.
- Identify individual and organizational takeaways applicable to current assignments.

Module 14: Capstone After-Action Review, Course Integration, and Individual Readiness Assessment

- Conduct a structured after-action review of course simulation exercises and key learning themes.
- Synthesize course content into a personal readiness framework for contingency contracting leadership.
- Complete an individual readiness assessment reflecting advanced CCO competencies.
- Identify professional development priorities and next steps for operational assignment readiness.