COURSE SYLLABUS

CON 8400: Advanced Contingency Contracting Officer's Course

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



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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.