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## **ESI International Launches Free FAC Programs Online Guide** *Allows Federal Acquisition Professionals to Chart Easy Path to Certification*

**Arlington, Virginia – June 15, 2009** – A free, online resource was announced today to help U.S. federal government acquisition professionals and federal agencies easily determine a path to Federal Acquisition Certification.

ESI International's FAC Reference Center, [www.esi-intl.com/FAC](http://www.esi-intl.com/FAC), identifies recommended and required FAC coursework and allows acquisition professionals to map courses to OMB's required competencies for the Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM), Contracting (FAC-C) and COTR (FAC-COTR) certifications. The online resource is complemented by ESI's free "FAC Reference Guide", an in-depth hardcopy reference that can be requested via the FAC Reference Center.

"For almost 30 years, our federal government clients have counted on ESI to provide smart guidance about federal acquisition compliance," said Bill Damaré, Regional Vice President, ESI. "We are proud to continue to earn that trust by providing the FAC site and guide to help government professionals and agencies chart a path through the complexities of FAC compliance."

The FAC Reference Center and "FAC Reference Guide" were created specifically for the benefit of U.S. Federal government acquisition professionals and agencies. ESI works directly with the Federal Acquisition Institute to deliver a wide variety of certification courses. For the U.S. Department of Defense, ESI also maintains one of the most comprehensive full service offerings of DAU equivalent courses. Major federal agencies have partnered with ESI under current blanket purchase agreement (BPA) contracts that are accessible to other agencies.

Personal assistance is also available through ESI's FAC advisors, who can be contacted directly at +1 800-ESI-8609 or [govt@esi-intl.com](mailto:govt@esi-intl.com).

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