

ASA(ALT) Principal Military Deputy (PMILDEP) Award for Writing
Writers Guidelines Supplement to the Call for Submissions

Submission Requirements

Submissions must be at least 750 words and must not exceed 1,500 words. Manuscripts must be double-spaced and prepared in Arial 12-point font. Do not submit in layout format or with footnotes, endnotes, or acknowledgment lists of individuals.

All submissions must include (1) a biographical sketch of each author that includes current position, educational background, and, if applicable, acquisition certifications and Army Acquisition Corps membership; (2) each author's email address and office phone number; and (3) verification that the article has been cleared for public release, and that the article has command approval for open publication. Please send submissions to karen.d.kurtz2.civ@mail.mil by September 15, 2014.

Submissions from *anyone* involved with or interested in U.S. Army Acquisition are welcome. Contractors with the Federal government are required to prepare their submissions during non-duty hours.

Artwork

Photographs or graphics (illustrations and charts) or a combination of both may accompany each submission, but are not required. All photographs must have a minimum 300-dpi resolution and be in TIFF or JPEG format. Please provide the photographer's name and command for each photo submitted; the artist's name and command for each illustration; and the source organization for each chart. Photographs and graphics must be submitted separately via email to karen.d.kurtz2.civ@mail.mil. They will not be returned.

Acceptance

Submissions must be original, not previously published or scheduled for publication, including online, and completed during Fiscal Year 2014.

Evaluation Process

Submissions will be evaluated by a review board to determine the finalists. Each entry will be awarded points equally based on: (1) Persuasiveness (20%); (2) Clarity and strength of argument (20%); Innovation (20%); Relevance to current or future environment (20%); and (5) Feasibility (20%). The review board will be comprised of military and civilian experts in each of the four categories.

Topics

Authors may write on U.S. Army Acquisition in the following categories: (1) Lessons Learned; (2) Future Operations; (3) Acquisition Reform/Better Buying Power; or (4) Innovation. Authors are allowed to have more than one submission, but each must be on a different topic. Submissions with a joint, interagency, or integrated operations emphasis are eligible.