



FOR ACQUISITION PROFESSIONALS

Mastering IP & Data Rights: Deliver capabilities faster.

This Resource Guide helps acquisition professionals strengthen their understanding of intellectual property (IP) and data rights in Department of War (DoW) acquisitions.

Effective IP planning supports competition, reduces lifecycle costs, strengthens sustainment, and accelerates delivery of mission-ready capability to the warfighter.

These resources provide practical guidance, training, policy references, and tools to help acquisition professionals develop and implement effective IP strategies across the acquisition lifecycle.

WHERE TO START

Core Policy & Guidance

Build a solid foundation in the policies, regulations, and guidance that govern IP and data rights in DoW acquisitions.

- **DoW IP Cadre Website:** A Department-wide organization focused on modernizing IP policy, guidance, and best practices to strengthen technology transition, reduce sustainment costs, and accelerate delivery of advanced capabilities to the warfighter
<https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/api/ip-cadre.html>
- **DoW IP Guidebook:** Official guidance for acquisition professionals on developing and managing IP strategies that support program lifecycle needs, regulatory compliance, and effective partnerships with industry
<https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/api/docs/intellectual%20property%20guidebook%20for%20dod%20acquisition%20signed.pdf>
- **DFARS Part 227:** The Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) section that establishes DoW regulations for patents, IP, technical data, software, and copyright rights in defense contracting <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-48/chapter-2/subchapter-E/part-227?toc=1>
- **DFARS Part 227 Class Deviation:** Updates to DFARS Part 227 during Phase 1 of the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO)
https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/classdev/DFARS_RFO/Part-227/2026-00036_TAB_A_Deviation_Memo_Part_227.pdf



- **10 USC 1707:** Statutory authority establishing the Department's cadre of IP experts <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title10-section1707&num=0&edition=prelim>

BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

WarU Training & Learning Resources

Leverage the extensive resources at Warfighting Acquisition University (WarU) to build practical skills.

- **WarU Intellectual Property Knowledge Area:** Central hub for IP learning resources, training materials, tools, and acquisition guidance <https://www.waru.edu/knowledge-areas/intellectual-property>
- **WarU Intellectual Property Strategy Workshop (WSM 024):** Instructor-led workshop focused on practical IP strategy development and implementation <https://www.waru.edu/courses/wsm-024>
- **WarU Online Courses:** A comprehensive suite of courses, including:
 - **Foundations of Data (ACQ 710)** <https://www.waru.edu/courses/acq-0710>
 - **Intellectual Property and Data Rights (ACQ 0720)** <https://www.waru.edu/courses/acq-0720>
 - **Fundamentals of an Intellectual Property Strategy (ACQ 0740)** <https://www.waru.edu/courses/acq-0740>
 - **Data Acquisition (ACQ 0750)** <https://www.waru.edu/courses/acq-0750>
 - **Data Markings (ACQ 0760)** <https://www.waru.edu/courses/acq-0760>
- **Foundational IP Credential (CACQ 008A):** WarU credential designed to strengthen workforce competency in IP and data rights <https://www.waru.edu/credentials/cacq-008a>



ADVANCE YOUR EXPERTISE

Specialized Resources & Emerging Topics

Deepen your understanding of specialized IP topics, evolving policy areas, and advanced acquisition considerations.

- **Army Data and Data Rights Guide:** Practical service-level guidance on managing technical data and data rights in acquisition programs
https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/cp/policy/docs/pa/Army_Data_and_Data_Rights_Guide_1st_Edition_4_Aug_2015.pdf
- **Annual Reports to Congress:** Updates and insights from the DoW IP Pilot Program available through the DoW IP Cadre website <https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/api/ip-cadre.html>
- **Advanced Topics:** Deepen your knowledge on specialized subjects such as the SBIR/STTR Data Rights updates <https://www.waru.edu/knowledge-areas/intellectual-property>