

## Acquisition



### A Career in Acquisition

VA Acquisition professionals ensure the Department has the resources it needs to deliver services to Veterans and their family members. They know business and trade practices, products and property, supplies and equipment, and deliver quality tools, products and services. Through their specialized skills, acquisition employees are transforming VA into a 21st century organization that is people-centric, results-driven and forward-thinking.

Acquisition professionals use market research and supplier knowledge to identify sources. They manage competition as needed based on business strategies and market environments. These employees determine competitions and collect and analyze market information. With the support of these professionals, VA is better able to achieve its mission of delivering exceptional care and services that make a positive difference in Veterans' lives.

### Contracting

The Contracting series manages, supervises, executes or develops policies and procedures for professional work involving the procurement of supplies, services, construction, or research and development. These jobs involve formal advertising or negotiation procedures, the evaluation of contract price proposals, and the administration or termination and close-out of contracts. Positions include:

- Contract Specialist
- Procurement Analyst

### MyCareer@VA

VA is committed to career development and supports employees' ambitions to grow, learn and advance. Building a career at VA is a partnership, and we are dedicated to providing you the career resources and materials you need to achieve success.

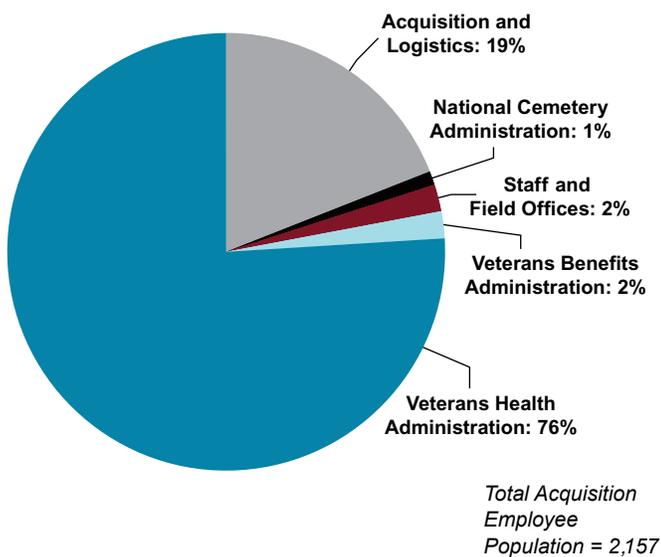
The MyCareer@VA program delivers interactive and engaging career development tools to help you explore and chart your long-term career path within VA.



## Acquisition Job Locations

VA's Acquisition positions are dispersed across 173 cities within the United States. The top five Acquisition occupational family geographic locations are Hines, Ill.; Washington, D.C.; Eatontown, N.J.; Independence, Ohio; and Hampton, Va.

## VA Acquisition Job Distribution by Administration



VA's Acquisition positions are distributed among three Administrations, Acquisition and Logistics, and Staff and Field Offices to meet the broad range of needs facing the Department.

## MyCareer@VA Tools and Resources

- Career Planning Process** - Develop professional goals and align developmental experiences to VA career opportunities through a four-phase process: Prepare, Plan, Explore and Develop
- My Career Mapping Tool** - Map your long-term career path at VA by exploring career possibilities that leverage your knowledge, skills and experience across multiple occupational families
- My Career Fit Tool** - Discover your career "fit" at VA by identifying your work interests and work environment preferences
- VA Career Guides** - Explore the knowledge, skills, education and training recommended for each VA job and related career levels

VA employees can also visit the VA Talent Management System (TMS), a state-of-the-art online training and employee development system, to search and register for training courses and learning opportunities.