

# 63A Acquisition Manager

## MISSION

Cost effectively modernize to deliver capability to the warfighter when needed

## VISION

Deliver enduring world class capabilities to assure air, space, and cyberspace dominance for the nation and our allies

### FUNDAMENTAL PART OF ACQUISITION COMMUNITY

Assignment opportunities throughout the lifecycle of Air Force systems, which includes early research and development of new technologies, design, testing, and fielding of new systems, and support for fielded systems engaged in day-to-day operations.



### 63A Areas of Opportunity

- Contracting
- Systems Engineering
- Financial Management
- Cost Estimating
- Program Management
- Information Technology
- Logistics
- Science
- Test and Evaluation

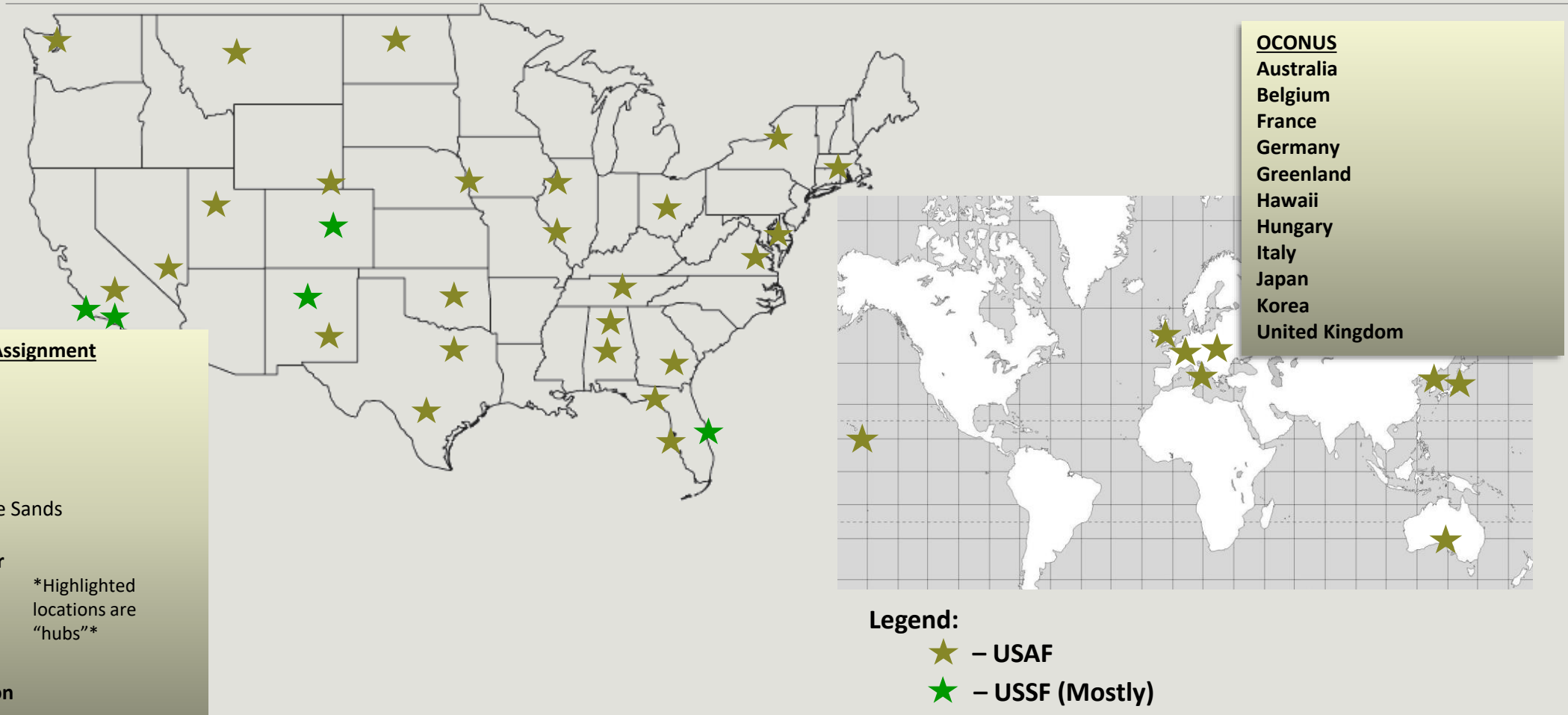
### USAF ACQUISITION ENTERPRISE

- Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center
- Air Force Life Cycle Management Center
- Air Force Materiel Command
- Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center
- Air Force Research Laboratory
- Air Force Sustainment Center
- Defense Contract Management Agency
- Department of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office
- Green Door Assignments
- National Air and Space Intelligence Center
- The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for AT&L

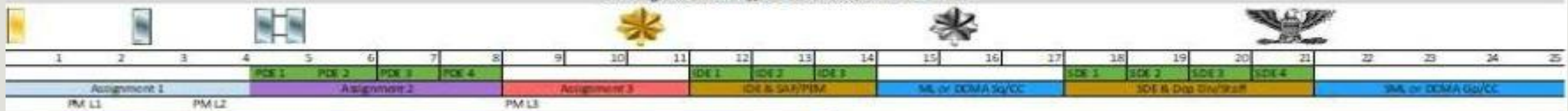
### DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION / CAREER BROADENING OPPORTUNITIES

- Acquisition Instructor Course
- Advanced Academics Degree
- Advanced Tactical Acquisition Corps
- Developing Airmen We Need – Education
- Education with Industry
- Formal Instructor and Recruiting Duty
- Revolutionary Acquisition Techniques
- Procedures and Collaboration
- Special Experience Exchange Duties
- T-Prefix Direct Hire
- USAFA Faculty Pipeline
- USSOCOM Ghost

# 62E/63A Core Coded Positions



OCONUS Opportunities Very Limited, Majority FGO



### Assignments 1-3

- At least one Program Office (PO)
- One other
  - Career broadening (e.g., OPEX, SPEED, EWI)
  - Institutional requirement (e.g., ROTC, recruiting, OTS instructor)
- Another PO or other acq org (e.g., lab, test, DCMA)

### Experience

- Variety of programs throughout the life cycle (basic research, requirements development, system development, production, product support)
- Programs of varying sizes and platforms across domains
- Operational experience and/or deployment
- Strong performance in all jobs

### \*Plus experience

- Competitively-selected for acq programs (e.g., EWI, Ghost)
- Competitively-selected operational experience (e.g., SPEED, OPEX)
- Green Door assignment
- Exec/CAG/Staff in acq-related orgs
- "Innovation" assignment (e.g., AFWERX, Software Factory)

### Education

- Masters degree in tech field, Mgmt, Business, or Finance
- SOS in-residence (Capt)

### Training & Certifications

- APDP PM Level 1 (CGO), APDP PM Level 2 (Maj)

### Maj & Lt Col Experience

- SAF/HAF/HQ SF/MAJCOM tour(s) (PEM preferred)
- Exec/CAG/Staff
- Successful 63S ML or Sq/CC tour (DCMA or non-acq)
- Joint experience (OSD, Jt Staff, COCOM, or JPO)
- Strong performance in all jobs

### Education

- IDE (in-residence preferred)
- SDE (in-residence preferred)

### Training & Certifications

- APDP PM Level 3 (Lt Col)
- PMT 401 (Lt Col)
- PMT 402 (Col)

### Interpersonal Skills

- Business acumen
- Critical thinking, strategic vision
- Effective communication
- Conflict resolution
- Effective negotiating
- Team building
- Management and organization

# COMMON CAREER TRACK FOR 63A ACQUISITION