Guidance on earning Continuous Learning Points for the Digital Service Certificate

Introduction

As part of the continuing need to have digital service certified acquisition professionals, there is a requirement to have 20 CLPS of the required 80 CLPS be earned by getting additional digital service training/activities[1].

This guidance is being released to assist FAC-C-DS holders identify areas where CLPs can be earned to support this requirement.

Per the Guidance on Meeting the Requirement for Continuous Learning Points which can be found at https://www.fai.gov/training/continuous-learning-opportunities there are many activities available to earn CLPs.

What is a digital service CLP:

Digital Service itself encompasses a wide range of topics and technologies. The goal of needing to keep up with continuous CLPs in this space is to keep the skills learned in the DITAP training course current and fresh as there are market changes happening all the time. As new technologies, methods, and companies are introduced to the ecosystem it is important to keep up to date.

Earning CLPs

It is recommended that you coordinate with Acquisition Career Managers and supervisors to confirm the total amount of CLPs are approved per activity. For many of these, do not forget to include your preparation work in your CLP count.

Conference Presenter – Code for America	Time spent developing training material for presentation = 4 hours Time spent delivering presentation = 1 hour	Total CLPs = 5 hours

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[1] https://techfarhub.cio.gov/assets/files/FAC_C_Digital_Services_5-18-18.pdf

SAMPLE ACTIVITY	Digital Service EXAMPLE
On-Line Training	There are many free trainings provided online. Here are examples of where you can find this kind of training. GovLoop Academy AGL Academy EdX Agile Training DigitalGov University
Formal Training	There are some government based digital service training, but to meet this requirement it does not have to be government only. ACT-IAC Academy Procurement Innovative Lab (PIL) Primer
Conference, training, or seminar presentation	There are many conferences and seminars available – either government specific or industry specific. Attendance as well as speaking are both considered. ACT-IAC Upcoming Events Scrum.org Events DigitalGov Events
Publication	Writing and publishing case studies, blogs, training material, and other germane material. TechFARHub Case Studies DHS Procurement Innovation Lab Resources Library
On-the-job Experiential Learning	This is an area with lots of opportunities. Here are some ideas of ways to earn CLPS: Working on, awarding, or administering a digital service acquisition Conducting a brown bag training on a digital service topic Organizing a workshop Being part of a modernization task force
Mentoring	Reaching out to the DITAP community to become a mentor is encouraged