



Army Request for Information Technology (ARFIT)

What is it?

The Army Request for Information Technology (ARFIT) establishes Army policy and processes for the procurement of all information technology hardware, software and services, without a cost threshold and regardless of the type of procurement. A joint effort between the Chief Information Officer/G-6 and the Chief Management Officer's Office of Business Transformation, ARFIT creates a single integrated process consistent with the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996, which requires responsibility, authority and accountability at all echelons, while giving visibility of all IT procurement at the enterprise level.

Why is this important to the Army and to the individual Soldier?

ARFIT will provide Army leadership situational awareness of IT procurement across the entire force. This visibility will aid in identifying and assessing inefficiencies in fielding IT capabilities, and developing and sustaining budget resource decisions. The ARFIT process will drive down IT costs by enforcing procurement through the Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) Program. Additionally, ARFIT will enhance security by preventing procurement and installation of uncertified IT on the Network.

What has the Army done?

Recent audits identified several deficiencies in Army information technology procurement policy enforcement. The Director, Office Business Transformation and the CIO/G-6 are analyzing the issues from an enterprise perspective. Under ARFIT, the Army has identified the following potential procurement gatekeepers: Army Cyber Command (Network Enterprise Technology Command), Army Materiel Command (Contracting Command), the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (program/project managers) and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) (resource managers). These gatekeepers will provide responsibility, authority and accountability, and ensure that the ARFIT process is being followed.

What does the Army have planned for the future?

In FY 12, the ARFIT team will define, develop and validate gatekeeper roles, responsibilities and business procedures. The Army also expects to staff, approve and publish the formal ARFIT process and implementation plan, and to start ARFIT database development. Additionally, the Army will publish a revised AR 25-1 with revised procurement and enforcement policy. As needed, further updates will be inserted every 13 months.