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INTRODUCTION

As the proponent for the Defense Foreign Language Program (DFLP), the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) provides assistance to Commanders in developing a unit Command Language Program (CLP), as well as in maintenance and local evaluation of unit CLPs.

In response to requests from the field, DLIFLC published DLI Pamphlet 351-1 (Evaluation Guidelines for DoD Command Language Programs) in July 1990, to furnish potential users with practical guidelines or questions-to-be-addressed for assessing the status of CLPs in the field environment. This pamphlet combines the contents of that document with the old DLIFLC Pamphlet 350-9 (Guidelines, Policies and Procedures for DoD Command Language Programs), dated November 1991, and the Command Language Program Managers Handbook (Draft Edition) to provide a comprehensive guide for Commanders and CLP Managers in the establishment, maintenance and evaluation of their programs.

This pamphlet will provide the following guidance:

1. a definition of CLP, including its purpose, applicability, responsibility and functions;
2. an overview of available language training resources;
3. recommended instructional objectives;
4. a summary of individual linguist profiles, characteristics, needs, motivating factors and learning styles;
5. information on Reserve Component applications;
6. references to other potential training resources; and
7. guidelines for CLP evaluation.

This manual is intended to place at the users’ immediate disposal all information necessary to establish and maintain a functional and quality CLP.

This document does not fully conform to the format requirements of AR 310-20. It has been written to explain criteria relevant to foreign language training and evaluation and is directed at Program Managers with a broad range of instructional/training background and experience. Suggestions for improving this document should be addressed to: Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center, ATTN: ATFL-OPP-PP, Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944-5006, ATTN: Mr. Joseph R.F. Betty, DSN 878-7175, COMM 408-242-7175, E-Mail Bettyj@POM-EMH1.ARMY.MIL.
CHAPTER 1--ESTABLISHING, MAINTAINING, AND CHANGING A COMMAND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

A. Glossary of Terms/Acronyms:

CLP .......... Command Language Program
CLPC ....... Command Language Program Council
CLPM ...... Command Language Program Manager
DFLP....... Defense Foreign Language Program
DLI ........ Defense Language Institute
DLIFLC .... Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center (in this pamphlet, same as DLI)
DLAB........ Defense Language Aptitude Battery
DLPT........ Defense Language Proficiency Test (four generations: I, II, III and IV)
FLPP....... Foreign Language Proficiency Pay
OPP-PP ... Operations Plans and Programs - Programs and Proponency Division
SPM .......... Service Program Manager

B. Command Language Program (CLP) - Definition

1. A Command Language Program is any foreign language training program, or course of instruction, operated by Service/Agency installations, active duty or reserve component Commanders. Units which have personnel assigned to language-required positions are directed by the joint service regulation, Management of the Defense Foreign Language Program (see Appendices A, B, C, D, E), to conduct language training. This training may include remediation, refresher, maintenance, sustainment, and job enhancement training, with assistance from DLIFLC, MACOMs/MAJCOMs, and their SPM. Courses may be full or part-time, on- or off-duty, group or self-study, mandatory or voluntary, in-house or contracted. DLIFLC is the proponent for basic acquisition language training. However, some acquisition programs may need to be established in low density languages for which DLI cannot provide acquisition training.

2. The unit’s language mission will dictate the kind of CLP you should organize.

   a. Compare the proficiency requirements of the mission with the actual proficiency levels of your assigned linguists. If some of your linguists are below the proficiency level necessary to perform their jobs, you should arrange for the appropriate training. Linguists whose proficiency level is sufficient to accomplish the mission must be placed in a regular training program to maintain their proficiency and ultimately enhance it to prepare them for future contingencies. This is critical as we struggle with less common or uncertain missions associated with Operations Other Than War (OOTW).

   b. You should also arrange for enhancement training for your linguists so that they improve their skills and are able to assume new challenges as your mission evolves. If you are a new CLPM, the first step is to assess your unit’s language mission in order to determine what language requirements you must fulfill and determine exactly what language skills you have at your disposal.

   c. Next, determine your training resources. What training materials are available for each language you deal with? What capabilities do you have to provide language instruction? What sources do you have to obtain additional materials or instruction?

   d. Determine what constraints exist to prevent you from training people. Your unit’s training cycle may affect when you can offer courses. Your mission and manning may require you to train small numbers of linguists at a time.
e. A very important step is to determine what plans and programs already exist. Also, what is the 
command policy regarding the importance and priority of language training? This pamphlet will assist you
in establishing and maintaining a CLP, and help you overcome the varied obstacles to successful linguist
management. The Operations, Plans and Programs Directorate of DLIFLC is tasked with providing
support to CLPs.

3. Support of CLPs includes both DLIFLC global language training support and job specific training
support (Advance Individual Training [AIT] or service specific training).

4. DLIFLC will also provide instruction for host nation, basic interoperability and acculturation programs in
accordance with AR 621-5.

5. The DLIFLC responsibility includes development and fielding of language training support materials,
providing on-site periodic advice to MACOMs/MAJCOMs and evaluation and formal instruction concerning
CLP conduct and administration. Additionally, DLIFLC (ATFL-OPP-PP) can provide short-term language
training assistance for selected units on a reimbursable basis.

C. Model Command Language Program

The most important element of a CLP is the Commander. The CLP plays a vital role in maintaining unit
readiness and it is definitely to the advantage of the Commander (as well as being his responsibility) to
have a healthy CLP functioning in his unit.

Where a CLP does not have visibility or the attention of the Commander, and language skill maintenance
is relegated to a matter of “personal initiative,” language skills are lost, unit readiness suffers and years of
training time and dollars are wasted. Personal initiative is necessary but it is almost never sufficient for
maintenance of such a complex skill as foreign language proficiency. On a unit level, language
proficiency cannot be maintained without the support of the Commander.

A CLP consists of more than training. A viable program should address several areas, including the
following:

Development of a Command Language Program Council (CLPC)

The existence of a CLPC ensures visibility for the program and for the needs of the linguists served by it.
It facilitates integrating the program with other education, training and operational requirements and
resources. Optimally, a CLPC includes representatives of the Commanding Officer, Operations Officer(s)
to whom linguists are assigned, Operational Training Officer, Education Services Officer, Resource
Management Office and of the operational elements or units for which the linguists work. The key to the
effectiveness of this council is the Commander’s direct involvement. Without command emphasis, the
program will be unsuccessful.

Some commands combine CLPC functions with those of general training councils already in place. Care
should be taken to ensure that the special challenges involved in language training and skill maintenance
are understood. To do so usually requires that linguists be included on the council.

Selection of a Command Language Program Manager (CLPM)

Operational commands may elect to split this function between an in-house training supervisor and the
Educational Services Officer. This split is particularly useful at commands where operational needs may
require some language work to be kept separate because it is classified, highly specialized, etc.
Regardless of how the program is set up, all elements should be aware of each other’s involvement in
order to avoid unnecessary duplication, and to ensure that all elements are aware of all available resources.

An effective program includes tracking the training needs and progress of each individual linguist as well as evaluating the effectiveness of the type of training provided. Ordering and preparing training material, scheduling training, and contracting for instructors, if needed, add to the responsibilities of the CLPM. Some services, and specialties within services, require periodic testing of linguists in addition to whatever evaluation is done as part of the on-station training program. This testing also usually requires considerable record keeping and follow-up.

For those reasons, the CLPM should also be a linguist. In any command with more than fifty linguists, the CLPM should be a full-time job and will need administrative assistance. The CLPM may be able to function adequately without administrative assistance for fewer than fifty linguists. It is usually very difficult for a part-time CLPM to be effective unless the number of linguists assigned is very small. For the same reasons, the longer the incumbent is kept in the CLPM position the better. Continuity in running the program is essential to tracking linguist readiness, following up on ordering and distribution of materials, conducting testing and training, learning the operational regulations and procedures for language training, establishing contacts and sources of help, judging the program's strengths and weaknesses, etc. A station that rotates its CLPMs frequently risks never getting an effective program into operation.

The Program Manager should consider the following:

a. Maintain consistent hours for dedicated instruction time. Work with the Commander to pick a convenient time. Have it put on the training schedule.

b. Maintain student attendance and a record of lesson completion for each student.

c. Maintain current inventory of materials available and issued.

d. Assign a monitor to assist the students during study hall and class hours.

e. Invite speakers of the foreign language to visit with, or speak to the students in the foreign language. (These can be DLI graduates, military wives, husbands, neighbors, etc).

f. Periodically schedule videos in the foreign language or in English for cultural enrichment and discuss the topics after the viewing. Maintain attendance records of these sessions.

g. Post news items about the foreign country (countries).

h. Submit an annual report (DLIFLC Form 17-R) about the training conducted and the areas that need improvement. Include the number of enrolled students that complete the program.

i. Prepare a continuity book for your successor so the program can continue with little disruption.
Regulatory Guidance

Directives should be developed which explain the basis for establishing and maintaining a comprehensive CLP. This represents the blueprint for subsequent steps in the CLP development. Contact DLIFLC (ATFL-OPP-PP) for assistance and guidance in establishing and maintaining your training program.

Language Management Data Base

A data base is necessary to track linguists' progression and/or regression, and to identify those individuals or units which need additional training resources or oversight.

Resources

Resources must be allocated to each component of the CLP to ensure their independence from the education centers' resources. This ensures availability of training equipment during the times when the linguists actually have time to train. A dedicated language learning center is required to accommodate the disparate working schedules of linguists and ensure that they have an environment that is conducive to language training. One significant point for consideration under this topic is the need for a separate budget. A separate budget distinct from other training/mission funds needs to be developed and justified. Unless this is accomplished, funds for language training might be diverted to other programs which will significantly degrade any CLP.

The CLP budget plan should include the following:

   a. An annual funding plan.

   b. Methods of disbursement.

   c. Information on contracting. A contract should include a statement of work (see Appendix P). A contracting officer will be required to monitor compliance.

   d. MIPR Coordination: used to transfer funds from one organization to another.

   e. Unfinanced Requirements (UFR) submissions: UFRs are solicited from Commands throughout the year. They are used to make your requirements known so that when monies become available they can be distributed to those in need.

   f. Procedures for identifying “non-conventional” funding sources.

Instructional Methodology

The methodology used to upgrade or sustain linguists' language capabilities must be chosen carefully. Hours of instruction in a language do not necessarily equate to increased language skills. Rather, the focus of selection should be on the flexibility of a program and its capability for tailoring to a linguist's unique proficiency and mission requirements. (For more information see CHAPTERS 3 and 5)
Training Opportunities

There already exists a wide variety of training opportunities ranging from DLIFLC training support to commercially produced, self-paced programs. A menu of these programs is necessary to match linguists to the most appropriate program for their proficiency level. (For more information see CHAPTER 2)

Evaluation of Language Proficiency (Testing)

Two aspects of the linguist's proficiency are of interest: "global" or general language proficiency, and job-specific language proficiency. Global proficiency is evaluated by the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). While each service has its own unique testing program for determining job-specific proficiency, we recommend that the DLPT be given to all linguists at least annually to identify those individuals/units which need additional training and assistance. (For more information see CHAPTER 4)

Evaluation of Instructional Effectiveness
(See CHAPTER 3)

Evaluation of Program Effectiveness
(See CHAPTER 6)

Linguist Retention and Incentives

This is one of the most important aspects of a CLP. There have already been notable increases in the "global" proficiency of DoD linguists since the advent of the Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP). This kind of incentive, when coupled with recognition programs and job satisfaction, are valuable tools which tap the individual motivation of linguists, and increase retention. Some examples of achievement which warrant recognition are:

- Improvement on the DLPT;
- Reaching the unit’s DLPT standard for the first time;
- Mentoring/teaching another linguist which resulted in DLPT improvement for that linguist;
- Developing or creating new training materials in support of the local CLP;
- Achieving or maintaining a DLPT score of L3/R3.

The following are examples of possible incentives; be creative and take advantage of other opportunities as they arise:

- 3/4 day passes;
- Exemptions from the duty roster;
- Selection for full-time external language training (i.e, in-country immersion training);
- Selection to compete at the Worldwide Language Olympics;
- Permissive TDY to attend a language-related event;
- An award for Linguist of the Year/Quarter;
- Selection for participation in special study programs (SLANG).
Foreign Language Proficiency Pay

(FLPP) - FLPP is a program funded by Congress through DoD to reward individuals for attaining and maintaining their foreign language proficiency level. FLPP ranges from $25 to $100 and is generally applied based on the difficulty level of the language and language proficiency levels attained. Each service administers the FLPP program individually. Specific service regulations are the source documents to be used to fully understand each service program.

Marketing

Publicizing the program to the service seniors, key staff officers, and to the linguists assigned to the unit, completes the CLP circle. Continuous senior officer-level support is necessary to sustain the CLP, and this cannot be gained without documenting and presenting both successes and failures in terms of both administration and mission readiness. The following methods can be used to publicize the CLP:

- Information through the MACOM, Service and Chain of Command
- Periodic Updates to Commander on status of linguist proficiency, training plans, FLPP status, budget expenditures, etc.
- Local publications, including newsletters, briefing bulletins, and posters
- TV/Radio exposure through local stations
- Development and implementation of high-visibility events, such as Language Day and award ceremonies
- Community involvement in unit language events

D. Establishing a CLP

DLIFLC assistance and support may be established by submitting a request in accordance with DLIFLC Pamphlet 350-5 (DLIFLC Catalog of Instructional Materials). Units may obtain this catalog by writing to Commandant, Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center, ATTN: ATFL-OPP-PP, Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944-5006. Approved non-resident foreign language programs will be reviewed annually by DLIFLC to determine continued need and effectiveness.

DLIFLC Form 1054-R (Nonresident Foreign Language Program Approval Request)

Units need to submit this form to The Commandant, DLIFLC when establishing or changing a CLP. In preparing the form follow these instructions (in cases where requested information is classified, do not provide it; write "classified" in the appropriate box.):

Date: Enter date of submission.

Establishment: Mark X on the ESTABLISH block to establish a new program.

Change: Mark X on the CHANGE block to add languages or change an existing program.

Cancel: Mark X on the CANCEL block to cancel your program.

MACOM/MAJCOM: A command directly subordinate to each military service.
Service Program Manager (SPM): Each military service is represented by an SPM for the Defense Foreign Language Program (DFLP). SPMs serve as focal points for all service language matters and are identified as follows:

1. USA: HQDA, ODCSINT
   ATTN: (DAMI-POD)
   The Pentagon, Rm 2B479
   Washington, DC 20310-1061

2. USN: CNO (N13F), FOB #2
   Bureau of Naval Personnel
   Washington, DC 20370-5000

3. USAF: HQ USAF/INXFM
   5113 Leesburg Pike, Ste 600
   Falls Church, VA 22041-3230

4. USMC: HQ USMC C4I/CRT, FOB #2
   Rm 3227
   Washington, DC 20389-0001

FROM: Address of the unit submitting this request.

1. LANGUAGE: Do not use language codes listed in the catalog. Enter full names of the languages required to be taught.

2. NUMBER OF STUDENTS STARTING TRAINING: Number of students starting the first class. If there are no classes as such planned, indicate the number of students to be trained in program.

3. START DATE: Expected starting date of class instruction or program.

4. TRAINING TIME: Number of instructional hours per day, per week, and number of weeks per year. Even if it is a self-study program, estimate training time available for students enrolled.

5. TO BE TRAINED: Number of students to be trained during this fiscal year. Project the number of students to be trained for the following fiscal year if the training requirements remain unchanged.

6. FACILITIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE: Indicate whether classrooms, language labs (including an Education Center), tape recorders, video tape or disk machines, computers or language materials are available.

7. INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION: Indicate instructors' qualifications in terms of education, target language proficiency level and experience.

8. OBJECTIVE(S) OF EACH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM: Indicate the desired outcome of your CLP, which should be in consonance with your assigned and potential missions. State your training goal in terms of proficiency level and type of training (a special program such as the Sinai orientation and interoperability program, a basic acquisition program for linguist MOS', a refresher/maintenance program or an enhancement program such as a Professional Development Program.)

DLIFLC Form 1055-R (Training Support Requirements):

CLPMs prepare this form to inform DLIFLC of their projections for training requirements in terms of training materials and services. DLIFLC prepares its nonresident training budget based on this input. This form may also be duplicated from DLIFLC Pam 350-5.)
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8. COMMANDER’S NAME: 9. RANK: 10. SIGNATURE: 11. DATE:

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PART I

PLEASE CONSULT DLIFLC PAM 350-5

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## Menu of Training Services

### A. Short-Term Intensive Foreign Language (FL) Training (1-20 weeks)
- To conduct on-site foreign language training for familiarization or remediation/maintenance objectives.

### B. Field Assistance Visit (1-3 days)
- To assist commanders in establishing, assessing, or upgrading a CLP.

### C. FL Teacher Training (2 weeks)
- To provide "Train-the-Trainer" workshops in "teaching for proficiency" for unit language instructors and program coordinators.

### D. FL Curriculum Training (3 days-2 weeks)
- To provide hands-on guidance in FL program design and materials adaptation, with an emphasis on strategies for enhancing proficiency.

### E. FL Proficiency Standards Training (1 week)
- To conduct an orientation workshop on language proficiency testing programs and the Interagency Skill Level Descriptions they are based on.

### F. DLPt Oral Interview Test Administration (1-5 days)
- To conduct face-to-face DLPt speaking tests for linguists whose job specialties require speaking skills.

### G. CLP Managers’ Seminar (1 week)
- To help participants apply information and ideas in formulating effective unit foreign language training programs.

### H. CLPM Course (1 week)
- To train CLP Managers in the effective management of their CLP.

### I. Language Training Detachment
- To provide overseas commands with foreign language specialists/ coordinators to assist in conducting FL training.

### J. Course Development
- To develop job-specific or job-related language materials to meet special training requirements of field units.

### K. Video Teletraining (VTT)
- To provide face to face instruction to linguists in the field via satellite.
DLIFLC Form 17-R (Annual Training Report):

**COMMAND LANGUAGE PROGRAM TRAINING REPORT**
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6 REMARKS / PROBLEM AREAS

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8. COMMANDER’S NAME: RANK: SIGNATURE: DATE:

CLPMs prepare this form to inform DLIFLC of their unit’s language training activities, number of linguists involved in language training and the DLPT results.

DLI FLC Form 877-R (Requisition for Instructional Materials):

REQUISITION FOR DLIFLC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
For use of this form, see DLIFLC Pam 350-9. Proponent is ATFL-OPP-PP.

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ATFL-OPP-PP
Presidio of Monterey
CA 93944-5006

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CLPMs prepare this form when they actually need to order the instructional materials projected on DLIFLC Form 1055-R.
E. COMMAND LANGUAGE PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

Unit’s Designation/Name ______________________________________________________________

MACOM/MAJCOM? _________________________________________________________________

Unit’s Address ______________________________________________________________________

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Commander/Rank ___________________________________________________________________

CDR’s phone number ________________________________________________________________

CLP Manager/Name/Rank_____________________________________________________________

Did CLP attended the CLPM Course?____________________________________________________

Manager’s phone/FAX #s _____________________________________________________________

GENSER/MESSAGE address __________________________________________________________

CLPM’s Internet/e mail address_________________________________________________________

Unit’s Unclassified Mission __________________________________________________________

Theater/Area of Responsibility________________________________________________________

Other Linguist Units in Vicinity ______________________________________________________

Date of last ATR/TSR Submission ______________________________________________________

Date of last Field Assistance Visit (FAV), if any__________________________________________

Interested in FAV? __________________________________________________________________

Assigned languages _________________________________________________________________

# of linguists authorized per language _______________________________________________

# of linguists assigned per language _________________________________________________

Do you have access to VTT?__________________________________________________________

Where is the nearest VTT studio?_____________________________________________________

Forms of language training (e.g. VTT, NCS courses, self-study, contract instr., etc.)

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Is VTT training effective? Improvements?______________________________________________
If your unit provides Contract Instruction, who is the contract with? ________________

For how long is the contract? ________________

Do the contract instructors use DLIFLC language materials? ________________

If so, which materials are used? ________________

Have the contract instructors attended the DLIFLC Instructor Certification Course? ________________

Percentage of linguists tested within the past year ________________

Percentage of improvements ________________

Date of last MTT ________________

Was the MTT effective? Improvements? ________________

What type of computer do you have (CD ROM)? ________________

Does your unit have a modem/Telecommunications capability? ________________

Does your unit have an INTERNET connectivity? ________________

Does the CLPM have a LingNet account? If not, why? ________________

(USA only) What is the Unit’s TALP Budget? ________________

(USA only) What is the Unit’s REDTRAIN Budget? ________________

Are you receiving the CLP Newsletter? ________________

Does your unit have a Test Control Officer (TCO)? ________________

If not, where does DLPT testing take place? ________________

Your Comments:
**F. Utilization and Sustainment of Unit Linguist Assets**

Acquiring the lowest functional level of global language skill takes most linguists about one year of intensive, full-time training. Augmenting that with requisite basic technical applications skill takes many additional months of training. These skills are highly perishable. Experience and numerous studies have shown that language skill attrition is rapid when the linguist does not engage in a broad spectrum of continual language work or study.

The need for regular exposure and study to maintain minimum skills should be considered when the command formulates plans for how best to utilize and maintain its linguist assets. Many units have only a limited language mission. In these cases, a vigorous command program is critical in helping assigned linguists to maintain skills that were acquired at considerable expense, and must be usable on demand in emergencies, contingencies or sudden change of mission requirements. There may be no time for the extensive remediation that is invariably required when language skills have been allowed to atrophy.

These programs need not be elaborate, expensive and time-consuming to provide effective language maintenance, but they can be expected to work best only if they are continuous and well managed. Some field units have had reasonable results from programs that devote an hour a day to global language maintenance (twenty minutes per session appears to be the minimum time that is productive). From half an hour to an hour a day extra may be needed in units requiring a high level of applied (technical) language skill in some specialized area. Of course, these figures will change depending on the skills of the students. Linguists who are below level 1+ or the equivalent in applied skills will benefit most from full-time training for a minimum of six weeks at a time. Exceptional linguists who are at 2+ or higher may be able to maintain their skill with only a few hours a week of well organized study. Chapter 4 describes some simple programs and the principles behind their design.

**G. Dedicated Instructional Time**

Language training should be programmed in the same manner as other training requirements. It should be projected on long- and short-range training plans (with appropriate resourcing), and eventually reflected on monthly and weekly training schedules. Language study should be scheduled. This can range from setting up a formal class, with classroom hours blocked out over a specific period, to designating a period of time during the workday to be set aside for some sort of organized study. At the formal extreme where language study involves a full-time break from work with a teacher in a classroom, a six week, six hour a day class is the usual minimum considered to make a significant impact on the learner and remain cost effective. At the opposite extreme, twenty minutes during each work shift as a time to work on the language in a group may work well. This less intensive approach has a better chance of success if it is augmented by other forms of language use or training.

**H. Designated Space and Other Training Program Resources**

At a minimum, a CLP should provide easy access for all work shifts to an organized collection of work-related language training material, tape recorders and other appropriate technology. Grammar books, dictionaries and other reference material, foreign language material on a variety of general subjects and at various levels of difficulty, specialized job-related language material, as appropriate, such as classified working aids or technical background information should also be made readily available.

A better program will also include organized, clean, quiet, comfortable, convenient training areas that evidence constant administrative involvement. It will help morale and increase the effectiveness of the program if it is apparent that command training personnel monitor program use, and periodically provide updated training material.

The most elaborate programs include regularly scheduled courses with classrooms, hired teachers and formal evaluations of program objectives and teacher performance.
This pamphlet includes advice on how to maintain all of these different levels of programs. Chapter 4 describes informal programs that can be used by small groups, or even individual linguists, in the work area. Other parts of this pamphlet, especially CHAPTER 3 and Appendix E, will be particularly useful for managing formal programs.

I. Provisions for Continuity

In order for a CLP to be able to sustain itself, learn from and build on its past experiences, preserve its past accomplishments and in general to effectively serve the linguists of its unit over the long run, the CLPM should:

a. maintain self-explanatory records (student participation and performance, test results);

b. establish clear SOPs (e.g., how to set up a classroom, scheduling classes, getting students, follow-up procedures, to include instructions on whom to send grade reports, how to prepare thank-you memos, commendations, etc.);

c. maintain a log of lessons learned; and

d. develop a specific orientation program for his successor.

The unit CLP SOPs should contain contingency provisions to allow for continuity in the event of unforeseen changes in mission requirements, loss of the CLPM, budget cuts, disestablishment of the language council, functional reorganization, or the loss of established training options.
CHAPTER 2--LANGUAGE TRAINING

A. Explanation of Terms

Initial Acquisition Language Training - Basic instructional program designed for personnel who have no measurable proficiency in the target language. Designed to take the student up to a Level 2 in the three tested skills: listening comprehension, reading comprehension, and speaking ability. The writing ability acquired varies, depending on the target language.

Refresher Training - A program designed to refresh or improve the language proficiency of military linguists whose language skills have deteriorated through lack of use. The instruction may be individual, based on the student’s background and skill mix. Target proficiency is a Level 2 in the three tested skills: listening comprehension, reading comprehension, and speaking ability. The student is tested for proficiency prior to enrollment.

Maintenance Training - A program of language use and contextualized reinforcement in grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and job-related tasks designed to strengthen language abilities and to prevent attrition of skill and knowledge.

Sustainment - A generic term, frequently used in connection with CLPs, which involves refresher, remedial, and maintenance training, as defined herein, to prevent loss of foreign language skills.

Enhancement - A generic term, frequently used in connection with CLPs, which involves increasing foreign language skills.

Language Category - A system has been developed to categorize languages according to difficulty for a native speaker of English. The current test to determine a person's ability to learn a language is the Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB). DLAB scores are used to predict the likelihood of success in learning a foreign language; the higher the score, the greater the likelihood a person can learn a more difficult language. Additionally, Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP) and college credits (as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE)) are awarded based on the language categories. The categories are assigned as follows:

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Conversion Training - Formal retraining from one language to another in a different language family (e.g., from a Slavic language to an Asian language.)

Cross-Training - Formal retraining from one language to another in the same language family (e.g., from one Slavic language to another.)

Remedial Training - A language program designed for the linguist who has fallen below the minimum standard. The objective of this program is to return the linguist’s proficiency to at least the minimum standard of proficiency.

B. Language Training Options
Before considering training options, the Program Manager should answer the following questions:

What needs to be done? (Unit training needs)
Why? (Objective of the training/mission)
Who is going to do it? (the student himself, the instructor)
For whom is the training? (student population)
When and for how long? (starting and closing dates, total number of hours)
With what? (funds for salaries, TDY, materials, equipment)
Where? (training facilities, classrooms, labs, library)
How much support? (involvement and backing of command)
Who can assist? (guidance, advice)

The answers to these questions will determine the scope of the program and the training options. These options are: self-instructional mode, or training with an instructor.

1. Self-instruction, as the name indicates, places the total responsibility for learning on the student, including the evaluation of his progress and achievement. There is practically no accountability or measure of the training objectives except for the personal satisfaction of the student enrolled in a self-instructional course who has completed the assignments and done well in the program’s quizzes. It should be kept in mind that even the best self-instructional programs do not teach themselves, and for this reason, considerable self-discipline and good study habits are needed to succeed in the self-instructional mode.

2. Language Training with an Instructor:
   a. Contract Instructors: This kind of a program can be cost effective and provide good accountability of results if the Program Manager has:
      (1) a qualified instructor who knows the basic principles of teaching for proficiency and has command of the foreign language (test it; don’t assume that a degree in the language insures command of it). This instructor must also be competent to develop the achievement tests of the course he is going to teach;
      (2) a POI (Program of Instruction) based on the training objectives & language skills for the program to be implemented;
      (3) schedule of class activities hour by hour;
      (4) appropriate instructional materials and dictionaries;
      (5) strict control of students’ attendance and progress record of each student for the duration of the program;
      (6) tests to evaluate the academic progress;
      (7) suitable classroom and lab facilities; and
      (8) authentic foreign language sources such as newspapers, magazines and videos to supplement the course materials.

For a sample set of guidelines you may consider in contracting for foreign language instruction, see FORSCOM Regulation 350-22, FORSCOM Command Language Program, Chapter 4. Most of these guidelines are applicable to all services or can be easily modified.
b. Military Training Assistants: Even with qualified civilian contract instructors on board, important benefits may be gained by using the best available military linguists in the unit as instructor assistants for the following reasons:

(1) Military trainers are more familiar with the service member's job and specific language requirements.

(2) As trainers, NCOs and Warrant Officers offer successful role models to younger service members, and they function entirely within their respective units and training systems.

(3) Military trainers supplementing outside civilian instructors can provide the positive support and feedback necessary to complete their training as rapidly and successfully as possible.

c. Language Training via Mobile Training Team (MTT) from DLI: DLI MTTs consist of one or more training specialists on temporary, dispatched to a location designated by the requesting agency, who are on temporary duty (TDY/TAD) status. MTTs are tailored to user defined learning goals and objectives. Close coordination between the requestor and DLIFLC are essential to ensure MTT success. It is essential that the CLPM is capable of quantifying and qualifying the training goals and objectives.

Approved language program units that have submitted their MTT requirements per TSR (Training Support Requirements, DLIFLC Form 1055 part 11), and are prepared to pay expenses for travel, per diem, car rental and instructor salary, if required. Transferring of funds to DLIFLC for MTTs is effected by MIPR, fund cite, written letter or message.

Units requesting DLIFLC MTTs should identify funding sources [Readiness Training (REDTRAIN), The Army Language Program, etc.] and procedures in order to avoid cancellations or delays. Adequate lead time will allow DLIFLC, ATFL-OPP-S, Scheduling Division, to coordinate and prepare for a successful MTT.

Units anticipating a need for Mobile Training Teams should contact one of the DLIFLC ATFL-OPP-S, Scheduling Division, at DSN 878-5847/7476 or Comm (408) 242-5847/7476 to discuss the request informally and to tailor the program according to mission objectives.

To request an MTT and finalize the details, CLPMs should call the DLIFLC, ATFL-OPP-S, Training Coordinators at DSN 878-5847/7476 or Comm (408) 242-5847/7476.

3. For additional information on linguist lifecycle/professional development see Appendix L.

**C. Language Training Resources**

1. DLIFLC Training Services and Materials

   a. Training Services. DLIFLC provides many services that may be useful to CLPMs. Units may request any of these services or may ask for further information by contacting OPP-PP. Types of Training Services include, but are not limited, to the following:
(1) Short-term Intensive Foreign Language Training - designed to conduct foreign language training (MTT, VTT, POM Resident or Washington DC Resident Contract) for programs defined in Chapter 2.A. The length of training time can be one (1) hour to sixty-three (63) weeks, depending upon training requirements, capabilities and limitations.

(2) Field Assistance Visit - conducted by a nonresident training specialist or team of training specialists sent to field units to assist commanders in assessing their training needs and establishing/upgrading Command Language Programs.

(3) Foreign Language Teacher Training - designed to provide hands-on knowledge of teaching for proficiency to unit language instructors and program managers. These “train-the-trainer” workshops usually last for three weeks. However, they may be tailored according to unit needs.

(4) Foreign Language Curriculum Training - designed to provide three (3) to fourteen (14) days of practical guidance in foreign language program design and materials adaptation with emphasis on strategies for enhancing proficiency.

(5) Foreign Language Proficiency Standards Training - designed to provide an orientation workshop on language proficiency testing programs and the interagency Skill Level Descriptions.

(6) DLPT Oral Interview Test Administration - designed to provide DLPT speaking tests for linguists whose job specialties require speaking skills.

(7) Command Language Program Managers' Seminar - an annual five day seminar, designed to provide a forum for Command Language Program Managers to share information and ideas in formulating effective unit foreign language training programs.

(8) Test Control Officer (TCO) Training - designed to provide hands-on guidance in administering the DLPTs.

(9) Language Training Detachment - an arrangement through which DLIFLC provides overseas commands with foreign language specialists/coordinators to assist in conducting long-term foreign language training programs.

(10) Command Language Program Managers Course - a one-week course for new CLPMs designed to give them an overview of the basic skills they need in order to manage their CLPs.

b. Training Materials

(1) DLIFLC - Developed Materials. DLIFLC-developed instructional materials are listed in DLIFLC Pam 350-5 (Catalog of Instructional Materials). Commercial textbooks purchased by DLIFLC for resident training are not available to field units from DLIFLC. The Programs and Proponency Division will assist units in identifying non-government materials and provide information regarding how they may be acquired.

(2) Other Government Language Materials. The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) makes available many of the foreign language materials developed by other government agencies. For an NTIS catalog, contact Customer Services Section, NTIS, 8700 Edgeworth Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743-3701, phone: (800) 788-6282.

For a list of related forms, see Appendix F. For instructions on how to request training services and materials, see Appendices G and H, respectively.
D. Video Teletraining (VTT)

Video teletraining presents a promising foreign language training option that has evolved as a highly effective language training medium. In essence this technology allows live training and interactive communications to take place between two or more remote locations, using high speed data transfer lines, video cameras and television terminals with multiple audio, video and graphics capabilities.

Emphasis on VTT foreign language training as an outreach tool for DLIFLC nonresident training has substantially increased since 1989, when it was first tested as a potential training option. (Egyptian-Arabic VTT to Forts Campbell and Stewart, Sep 1989). Interest in, and support for this program on the part of TRADOC and the major commands has been steadily growing ever since, with training projects now in progress or under consideration in multiple languages, multiple training applications and multiple non-resident sites. Urgent training needs, arising often on moment's notice, (e.g., Iraqi-Arabic training connected with Operation Desert Shield) further enhanced the appeal of this manner of training.

Inquiries concerning the possibility of arranging for and coordinating VTTs should be addressed to: DLIFLC, ATTN: ATFL-OPP-S, Scheduling Division, Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944-5006, or by phone to the Scheduling Coordinators, DSN 878-5847/7476; Comm (408) 242-5847/7476.

E. Computer Assisted Study (CAS)

While computers are already an integral part of most educational institutions and programs, software development for foreign language instruction purposes has been lagging behind other applications. Joining the growing number of companies and institutions working to fill this void, DLI is currently also developing a variety of software in a number of languages to meet the specialized needs.

Computer-Assisted Study (CAS) entails the use of automated data processing technology in support of foreign language training. CAS products can be directly incorporated into classroom activities or serve as resources for military linguists in the field.

The Office of the Dean for Curriculum and Instruction (DCI) at the DLIFLC is responsible for overseeing the design, development and utilization of computer based training materials to enhance the acquisition and maintenance of foreign language skills. The latest courseware development initiatives undertaken by the Technology Integration Division (TI) and the Technology Training Branch clearly reflect an increased awareness of the importance of customer service in bringing foreign language training technology to the classroom or the community of linguists in the field.

The use of multimedia technology, extensive pedagogic review of new CAS materials and cost effective resource allocation constitute the underlying themes of current courseware design strategy at DLIFLC. DLIFLC is moving away from large development projects that seek to replicate entire foreign language courses within a CAS initiative and focusing on smaller projects with shorter development times. TI is paying particular attention to production steps such as beta testing, quality control and copyright clearance.

Continued institutional proficiency in the acquisition and fielding of foreign language training technology can only be achieved by a systematic approach to technical research and development. Forward-looking software-oriented initiatives undertaken by DLIFLC include the use of new authoring software such as TOOLBOOK 5.0, the technical enhancement of the DLI Toolbook Authoring Templates and a comprehensive review of the Windows 95 operating system. TI is assessing the potential of video capture technology to achieve hardware device standardization through the use of digitized audio and video files as a storage medium for foreign language training materials, and monitoring developments in the area of voice recognition technology in anticipation of the time when that technology can become a significant asset to foreign language instruction.
Requests for more information concerning the feasibility of site-specific CAS training, assistance in software development and design, equipment requirements, pilot test results, etc., should be addressed to DLIFLC, ATFL-DCI-TI, Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944-5006, or by phone to Training Specialists at DSN 878-5138/5323, Comm (408) 242-5138/5323.
CHAPTER 3--QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Nearly every linguist or language technician in all services and specialties requires special skills, knowledge of technical terms or "terms of art," and understanding of special operations that limit, to some extent, the range of language most commonly encountered under normal working conditions.

Numerous studies over the years have shown conclusively that, in addition to these special areas, a strong foundation in general language skills is necessary not only to deal with the unexpected language situation, but also to build to professional levels of language competence. The heaviest demands may be placed on those who could be called "language technicians" because they must combine general language competence with a high degree of specialized knowledge.

Unfortunately, it is just these linguists who are often deprived of opportunities to develop necessary skills because it is often assumed that "technical" skills can be developed effectively in the absence of "linguist" skills. In actual fact, this approach is the least efficient; it increases the burden of learning on the linguist by focusing on an ever-expanding universe of individual "language situations" instead of on general language principles that have many applications, from ordering a meal to ordering an air strike. It guarantees that language processing tasks, such as transcribing spoken material, understanding oral reports or directions and conducting interviews, will be done inefficiently, with a sometimes excessive need for clarity and repetition, unless the "technician" has tediously mastered a vast repertoire of possible variant scenarios. The introduction of an unexpected turn of a phrase can cause even a normally competent linguist serious confusion when his competence in certain content areas has been relied on as a substitute for language capability. The true need for global competence is often not recognized until the linguist finds himself "in over his head" in what can be an embarrassing, if not life-threatening, situation.

A. Curriculum

DLI can sometimes provide or develop training material for some specific technical area, although it cannot deal in any direct way with classified material or missions. DLI's strength is in developing and maintaining global proficiency. DLI has a variety of exportable materials which can be used for unit training. Basic courses, intended for use by a trained language teacher, are designed to be taught full-time for as much as a year to students who have little or no familiarity with the language. They are not usually appropriate for field use.

DLI also has refresher material, some of which is self-paced and some designed to be taught by a trained teacher. This material can be used as is, or adapted to the particular needs or schedule of the unit linguists. DLI will provide advice on how best to use it if the units describe the conditions under which it will be used, and the general skill level of the linguists to be trained.

B. Learner-Centered Instruction - The Autonomous Learner Goal

The most conducive environment for language learning, maintenance and enhancement is one in which the needs, interests, learning styles and strategies of the learner drive the acquisition process. The role of the instructor is that of a facilitator who:

--views himself/herself as a resource rather than a source; provides challenging goals;
--builds cultural bridges;
--finds ways to monitor and correct errors in a productive manner;
--gives support and guidance;
--provides timely feedback;
--enables learners to prepare for real world situations;
--is perceptive to the wants and needs of learners;
--helps learners set priorities;
--systematically helps learners reach desired proficiency levels;
--personalizes activities so that learner can relate to them;
--lowers levels of anxiety and builds confidence;
--helps learners improve study habits/skills;
--helps learners develop skills for independent language learning;
--and is willing to give up “territory.”

More detailed information on the role of the instructor is provided at Appendix E, "Instructor Evaluation Guidelines".

For the individual learner it means acceptance of being the focus of the instructional process and of the personal responsibilities that role entails. Consequently, autonomous learning goals should include:

--accepting primary responsibility for learning the language
--studying the language to be able to use it;
--developing a feel for the language;
--experiencing the language and culture by becoming actively involved;
--getting to know available resources;
--organizing own program of study;
--regularly interacting with native and skilled speakers, including the instructor;
--listening to and reading in the language regularly;
--not letting errors interfere with willingness to use the language;
--learning to make intelligent guesses;
--learning to tailor the language.

(For more on the role and responsibilities of the individual learner see CHAPTER 5)

For the unit or command it means providing any possible assistance to the learner, in particular: material, time, physical space, encouragement.

C. Evaluation of Instructional Effectiveness

Once you have your program in place, money in hand, instructors hired, curriculum chosen, students enrolled, and equipment in use, it is time to evaluate what you have done in a systematic and objective way, i.e., to sort out what is working and what is not. Evaluation is a requirement for a comprehensive training program in any field, and evaluation of instruction is no exception.

Even in the best of programs, an evaluation effort always pays a dividend. A comprehensive evaluation will turn up more than just successes and failures in a program. It can also point out ways to improve or expand the best program. Something as simple as a subscription to a training bulletin, for example, can lead to expanding outside training opportunities for your personnel.

A structured data collection plan is the first step in evaluating your instructional program. For evaluation purposes, consider using any of the following instruments.

**Questionnaires** for collecting information from individuals affected by the program or process;

**Interview protocols** for collecting information from individuals associated with or affected by the program or process;

**Checklists** for observing training programs or for reviewing documents or processes; and

**Tests** for measuring student learning.

As a Command Language Program Manager, consider the following before developing any instruments or requesting any assistance from DLI:
Why is the questionnaire/interview being developed?
What decision(s) will be made based on the information collected?
What facts will be needed to make the decision(s)?
What information will be collected?

For more information on evaluation of instruction and sample evaluation instruments, turn to Appendix E.

Chapter 6 of this pamphlet contains comprehensive guidelines for conducting a program evaluation. It contains a series of questions on the different elements of a successful CLP. These questions are designed to provide a framework for internal review and often clearly point to the answers. For example, "Are unit linguists regularly enrolled in regional resident military training programs, such as the I Corps Language Program at Fort Lewis or the Foreign Language Training Center Europe (FLTCE)?” The topics cover both administrative areas and instructional objectives. Additionally, this pamphlet provides up-to-date lists of DoD and service-specific regulations and guidance relevant to Command Language Programs, and Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) availability and Procedures for DFLP Languages. It was written specifically for Command Language Program Managers, taking into account the difficulty of looking objectively at one’s own program and instructors. It is designed to highlight areas that may be of specific concern to the program. (For more details on data collection instruments, see Appendix F. For information on evaluating instructors, see Appendix E.)

D. DLI Assistance For Evaluation Purposes

The Evaluation Division, Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization (ATFL-ES) is the DLIFLC point of contact for many evaluation services, including questionnaire preparation and review, on-site evaluation visits, and speaking proficiency test administration.
ATFL-ES personnel are available to provide assistance in the development or review of questionnaires. Copies of the program and instructional effectiveness questionnaires used at DLIFLC are available upon request. You can use them as is or tailor them to your own program. Address questions or requests to:

Commandant
DLIFLC
ATTN: ATFL-ESE
Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944-5006

Commander, Headquarters, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) has produced a set of Training Evaluator Common Core Materials. Included in these materials are a number of job aids designed to assist personnel in the evaluation of a training program. Job Aid 2B, Development and Administration of Questionnaires and Interviews, is one example of this specific guidance. For more information write to:

Commander
HQ TRADOC
ATTN: ATTG-CS
Fort Monroe, VA 23651-5262
CHAPTER 4--RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAM DESIGNS

A. General Proficiency Language Training

For the reasons discussed in Chapter 3, commands with linguists assigned must usually provide training in general language skills as well as in specialized job-related applications. There are three main purposes for training in general skills: refresher (to return a linguist to some previously attained skill level), maintenance (to keep the linguist at the present level) and enhancement (to raise the linguist above the present level). Job-related language training may have any of those purposes but may also be needed to acquaint linguists with new areas of skill or knowledge.

B. Job-Related Language Training

Job related training is designed to familiarize a linguist with special terminology, scenarios or relevant background information that may be particularly likely to be encountered in the course of the linguist’s duty. DLIFLC has some language material of this sort already available through our catalogue. We can also help units to prepare unclassified study guides or learning material or to evaluate and improve already existing job-related material. Units wanting our help should write to us, info MACOMs/MAJCOMs, Area or Element HQ and SPM, describing the type of service and material desired. DLIFLC cannot provide any classified material or services. Such material does exist, however. Units needing classified job related training should contact their respective SPM for information.

Because job-related language training consists mainly of language pieces (terms, special constructions) and material that is related but is not essentially linguistic (scenarios, background information), it is truly effective only when it forms a part of a more comprehensive CLP. To understand why this is so, it is helpful to know a bit about how language works.

Almost any situation can bring linguistic surprises - terms or turns of phrase that no one could have predicted would have occurred in a particular spoken or written text. The more the person is familiar with the possibilities of the language, the less disturbing those surprises will be to getting the real message being conveyed.

Language researchers have long known that a great deal of our understanding, in fact a great deal of what we think of as simply seeing or hearing, is really a matter of our expecting to see or hear some way of expressing a thought and mentally checking to see if our expectation has been met. We appear to set a scene in our heads and then relate parts of the incoming message to the action already in progress in our minds. The parts that don't relate we either overlook (don't hear) or we use to reorganize the scene. This is why we can be so thrown off by incongruities: "Did he say what I think he said?" and why we trust our own judgment when we say things like: "Well, I didn't catch that part but he must have said...".

Of course, if we don't know the language very well, we can't tell which parts are hard to understand because they are truly incongruous (requiring a reorganization of what we think is going on) and which parts are simply things we can't relate to because they are beyond our linguistic knowledge. We expect that there will be much we don't really understand and, unfortunately, we often rely too much on what our experience suggests is probably going on.

What this means to the working linguist or trainer is that there is an important distinction between knowing the scenario and knowing the language - in spite of the extent to which they overlap.

Scenarios and the expectations that they give form to are very important. In fact, for people whose control over the language is limited, they can be more important than the particular vocabulary or linguistic structure used to express them. People who simply do not know a great variety of words, phrases or ways of saying things, have to rely much more on their knowledge of what sorts of things are usually expressed in certain circumstances. "I did not catch everything he said, but he said "ten o'clock (it's nine-fifty now), 'the General,' and 'headquarters' so I assumed he was here to pick up the General and take him to HQ."
That sort of reasoning may work well for the Military Police (MP) at the gate but it is important to realize that it is not language work. It is using linguistic clues to verify an educated guess based on professional experience. The greater the degree of experience and the more adept the person is at guessing, the more it appears that the person is a linguist relying on linguistic skills. The person himself and his supervisors may believe that he has used linguistic competence to deal with the situation.

Clearly, guessing of that sort may not always work well. There are a great many situations that could include the General, headquarters, nine o’clock and whatever other clues the MP used: location, official-looking driver in official-looking car, driver's bearing and attitude, normal schedule, and so on. The driver may have been telling the MP to tell the General that the car was here. That may be a change from normal routine which the MP would not recognize, waving the car through, leaving the driver to think that the inevitable delay was caused by the General, the General wondering when his car would get there and fretting because he was already late.

Eventually the MP may come to realize that he probably missed some important linguistic clue that should have told him that his mental picture was faulty (before the General does, we hope). How quickly he realizes that may depend to some degree on his alertness and professional understanding of the scenario: he sees the car waiting at the curb, he knows the General hates to be late, he notices that it is now nine fifty-five, he takes the initiative to call the General to "remind" him that the car is here.

Things do not work out as well as they would have if he had understood more of the foreign language message in the first place, but his exceptional presence of mind and professional knowledge have saved him from disaster. This is often the case when we rely on job-related skills to the exclusion of global language competence. If the linguist is less than exceptionally conscientious and "technically" competent in addition to being weak in general language skills, the potential for serious misunderstanding is great. The easiest way to remedy that is to combine the two types of training.

At the end of this chapter are recommendations for basic programs to maintain language skills. Job related language training can be added to those programs. For example, an additional half-hour period could be included on days four and five to be spent studying important scenarios and then related terminology could be studied at home. The study periods could include discussions of the scenario and comparison of different versions of it from different sources. The texts in the global portion of the program could be selected for their relationship to the scenario to be discussed at the end of the cycle. Often classified material can be reinforced with unclassified and vice-versa.

Some more mechanical skills, such as transcribing numbers or gisting, can be practiced just as effectively using short-wave radio broadcast schedules or weather reports as they can with specially prepared material that may not be available in sufficient variety or may require special handling. At least, the specialized training material can be augmented with similar, but more readily available material. Using current material ensures that the linguist will be working with material he has not heard so many times that he has memorized it.
C. Testing

Whatever the scope of your specific instructional objectives may be, you will periodically need to assess how well those objectives are being met. To that end you will need to design or procure testing instruments that will give you a clear picture of what has been accomplished and what is yet to be achieved.

Language tests may be categorized on the basis of

- the purposes for which they are developed (e.g., diagnostic, aptitude, proficiency tests)
- how their results are interpreted (criterion-referenced vs. norm-referenced tests)
- how the examinees are expected to provide their responses (supply tests vs. selection tests)
- scoring procedures employed (objectively scored vs. subjectively scored tests)
- whether they are timed (speed tests vs. power tests)
- scope of learning outcomes measured (mastery vs. survey tests)
- whether they are designed to measure knowledge of discrete points of the language or ability to use language for functional purposes (discrete point vs. integrative tests)
- their use in classroom instruction (e.g., placement, formative, summative tests).

While this list does not exhaust all of the factors whereby language tests can be categorized, it does provide the frequent ones. Each of these factors may influence one or more aspects of test design, development, administration, scoring, and score interpretation procedures. Further, the above categories are not necessarily mutually exclusive. For example, a single language test can simultaneously be a proficiency test, a discrete point test, and a norm-referenced test. Of the many forms of classification, the one that draws a distinction between formative and summative testing may be the most relevant to the CLP instructional objectives. The following are some facts and characteristics you need to consider as you proceed to assess how well your instructional objectives have been met:

1. Formative Tests:

Purpose: formative tests are usually teacher made instruments used to monitor learning progress during instruction. They serve two major purposes:

   a. provide feedback to teachers about effectiveness of instruction and help them determine when some remedial instruction may be required or when students are ready to begin another unit of instruction, and

   b. provide students with necessary feedback to help them monitor their learning, identify specific learning errors, and reinforce successful learning. Usually these tests are designed to measure intended outcomes of specific instructional units (e.g., chapter, module). Moreover, since the primary aim of formative tests is to improve learning/teaching, their results are not typically used for assigning course grades.

Testing techniques: both discrete-point and integrative tests can be used in formative evaluation. Discrete point tests are instruments designed to measure knowledge of language elements (e.g., components of phonology: pronunciation, stress, intonation, etc.; components of vocabulary: word meanings, word structure, etc.; components of grammar: verb tense, parts of speech, etc.). Integrative tests typically measure functional use of language (e.g., comprehending the main idea of a passage in a reading comprehension test or giving directions in the target language in a speaking test). Each of these functions requires simultaneous use of a number of language elements and skills, hence the name integrative test. These two test types, however, are not dichotomous; rather, they represent both ends of a continuum with most language tests falling somewhere in between. Examples of tests used for formative evaluation include observation techniques, teacher made quizzes, and sometimes customized tests.
2. Summative Tests:

Purpose: summative tests are also usually teacher made instruments, administered at the end of a course or unit of instruction. The main purpose of summative evaluation is to determine the extent to which objectives of instruction have been achieved and to assign grades/ratings to students. The results of these tests can also be used to evaluate appropriateness of objectives and effectiveness of the instruction.

Testing techniques: as in formative evaluation a variety of testing techniques and item types can be used. These may include oral interview tests, composition tests, multiple-choice tests, matching tests, selection and supply tests, and constructed response tests.

3. Content of Formative and Summative Tests:

Both formative and summative tests are intended to determine the extent to which objectives of an instructional unit have been achieved, even though the scope of learning outcomes measured in summative tests is usually much broader than the range typically measured in a formative test. While the content of discrete-point formative/summative tests is delivered directly from what has been covered in the instructional unit, the content of proficiency-oriented tests represents language functions that may only be similar to those covered. In this case, knowledge of discrete points of the language and being able to perform specific linguistic tasks are considered enabling skills that one needs to possess to be able to function in the language. In other words, language functions (e.g., ability to order a cup of coffee, ability to narrate an experience) rather than knowledge of language elements (e.g., parts of speech, tense, word order) become the focal point of instruction and measurement.

Knowledge/skills measured: formative and summative tests reflect the theory of language proficiency upon which the instructional unit and the tests are based. If this theory defines proficiency in terms of knowledge of language elements (e.g., elements of grammar and lexicon), competence in elements will be the focal point of teaching and testing. If proficiency is defined in terms of functional language use, language functions will be emphasized.

In the initial stages of language learning, the language functions that learners can perform are very limited. However, this does not mean that formative testing at this stage should be limited to discrete point type tests only. Using a combination of discrete-point and functional tests from the very beginning stages of language teaching/learning will help put the ultimate goals of language learning in perspective. In addition, both tests serve other purposes such as monitoring learning progress, diagnosing learning errors, etc.

4. Service Specific Testing:

The Navy’s Cryptologic Training and Evaluation Program (CTEP) includes Cryptologic training materials and annual testing for all Navy and Marine Corps cryptologic linguists up to the grade/rank of E7. The test is titled the Cryptologic Diagnostic Exam (CDE) and provides specific feedback on Command and Navy-wide ranking within each language community. Additionally, it gives tailored feedback for each individual linguist, specifying areas requiring study. The Air Force has developed the Air Force Exportable Linguist Training Program (AELTP), which is colocated with the Navy’s CTEP office at Fort Meade, MD. The AELTP mirrors the Navy’s CTEP, providing testing and training materials in several languages.

5. Backwash Effect:

Tests frequently have a significant effect on how things are taught and learned. This phenomenon, usually referred to as backwash effect, can be good or bad. A test can be said to have a good backwash effect if it exerts a beneficial influence on learning/teaching. On the other hand, a test that misguides learning or teaching can be said to have a bad backwash effect. For example, a class progress
evaluation program that places too much emphasis on discrete-point testing, at the expense of language functions, may exert a bad backwash effect on language learners, in the sense that it may give them the impression that the ultimate goal of language learning is to master elements of grammar or vocabulary (e.g., verb tense, parts of speech, word meanings, etc.), rather than to develop the skills necessary for communicating adequately in the target language.

6. Validity:

In developing or selecting tests for both summative and formative evaluation, one should keep in mind the purpose for which a test is developed/selected, ascertain that those purposes and goals reflect current views in second/foreign language learning/teaching, and make sure that the test on hand actually measures what it is intended to measure. For example, a reading comprehension test should measure only reading comprehension and not other irrelevant factors such as ability in math, world knowledge, memory, or test taking skills.

a. Content validity. Content of an instructional unit may be broadly defined to include learning objectives and subject matter topics. A formative or summative test can be said to have content validity to the extent that it measures a representative sample of the learning objectives and topics in the instructional unit for which it was intended. In addition, in order for a test to have a high degree of content validity, the distribution of items in the test should reflect the amount of emphasis placed on various content areas during instruction.

b. Face validity. The tasks prescribed in test items designed to measure functional language use should resemble real life uses of language as closely as possible (e.g., drawing inference in a reading comprehension test, discussing plans for an upcoming holiday in a speaking test). Students are more motivated to put forth their best performance on tests where the prescribed tasks are related to their communicative needs and interests, and when they see a resemblance between those tasks and real life uses of the language.

7. Effect of Test Instrument on Examinee’s Performance/Score

Research in testing has shown clearly that test instruments can significantly influence examinee test performance and score. Since the purpose of language testing is to obtain scores that reflect language ability only, preference should be given to techniques that are not unnecessarily complicated, do not require lengthy administration directions, and measure intended outcomes as directly as possible.

Actual samples of test types that can be used in formative and summative testing, and instructions on how to develop such tests may be found in the following sources:


D. The Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)

The DoD primary vehicle for measuring general language proficiency is the DLPT. It measures proficiency on the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) scale from level 0 to level 3 with " + " level increments in
between each step to indicate slightly lower proficiency than the next full level. The amount of training required to make a difference of a " + " step on the ILR scale depends on a number of variables, the main ones being the motivation and aptitude of the learner, the relative difficulty of the language, and the type and intensity of training available. There are many other variables as well. An intensive program, such as those taught in residence at DLI where training lasts from six to sixteen months, may require a third of the total course length to move the student from level 0 to level 1 and, added to that, as much as half of the total course to move from level 1 to level 2. Each successive " + " step usually takes longer than the " + " step preceding it. For that reason, the DLPT may not be an appropriate test to measure the effectiveness of a short or part-time command program. The program may improve a student's language skills but not enough to register a difference on the DLPT.

Refer to DLIFLC Pam 350-14 (DLPT IV Familiarization Guide) for information on proficiency testing and the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) Skill Level Descriptions. It provides passage samples and specifications pertaining to the newest generation of DLPTs.

**E. Test Control and Administration**

Service-specific instructions pertaining to test control procedures (test control officers, security, records, etc.), test administration, scoring and other relevant matters are contained in the following references:

- **ARMY:** AR 611-5, Army Personnel Selection and Classification
- **AIR FORCE:** AFI 36-2605, Air Force Personnel Testing System, Jun 94
- **NAVY:** CNETINST 1550.9B, Management of the Defense Language Program MILPERSMAN 6650.100, Safeguarding Enlisted Classification Test Materials
- **MARINE CORPS:** MCO POO0.6 Assignment, Classification, Testing, and Standards (ACTS) Manual (Foxtrot Edition)

Individual linguists and CLPMs of all services may also request further information about testing, TCOs, getting DLPTs, etc., by contacting the Soldier Supports Center, Ft Benjamin Harrison, IN, DSN: 221 5098/5078 or COM: (202)325-5098.

**F. Time-on-Task**

A word of caution about tests and unrealistic expectations: language acquisition is a complex process which even under ideal conditions seldom produces miracles. Slow progress is the norm. Both the global language and its job applications require years to master. As the amount of time spent in training declines from the six or seven hours a day of a formal classroom and daily contact with an experienced trainer also decreases, it takes longer and longer for measurable improvement to be made. This is compounded by the fact that learning is always accompanied by forgetting and the need for review becomes more insistent as a training program progresses. However slow the linguist's progress may appear, the command training environment will be most productive if there is a positive, helping attitude on the part of the training department. Training may be rigorous, and mandatory if necessary, but the intention to help must be apparent to the participants. This positive attitude can be expressed in simple ways such as posting the names of those who passed tests rather than those who failed them or complimenting students on the progress they have made rather than reprimanding them for not meeting a program goal.

**G. Sample CLP Program Designs, Principles**

1. The following designs are outlines. They can be modified to suit local needs or can be augmented with more formal programs or materials. As described, they are for maintenance. They can be made into
enhancement programs by increasing the length of study sessions, assuming the work is done conscientiously. On request, DLI will provide specific advice on how to adapt them and on how to evaluate language material for appropriateness for particular student skill levels.

a. **Linguist global language skill is less than 1**

Day 1  Half-hour of reading for comprehension/information and fluency in group with skilled linguist mentor.

Half-hour analysis of morphologic/syntactic (grammar) elements in reading passage.

Student homework: review grammar items in more depth, learn most important vocabulary.

Day 2  Half-hour review of items from day 1 that students are not sure of.

Half-hour of reading for comprehension/information and fluency in group with mentor.

Day 3  Half-hour listening to video or tape and taking notes.

Half-hour discussing video or tape with mentor.

Student homework: grammar and vocabulary as with Day 1 material.

Day 4  Half-hour reviewing questions raised by work so far.

**Notes:** This cycle can be repeated throughout the linguists’ tour. Assignments for days off can consist of reading or listening for comprehension, doing more work on grammar (e.g. find out how the language expresses completed actions; or, in your reading, you've come upon a particle, a helping word of some kind: what is it for, what does it do, how does it affect other words in the sentence?). Mentors will best be able to help groups of no more than five or six students in such a program. Students at this level of skill usually need formal classes to show real improvement. This is a bare minimum maintenance program but can prove beneficial if pursued conscientiously throughout a tour of duty. It allows considerable flexibility in adapting to students’ needs, learning styles and interests.

b. **Linguist skill is 1 + to 2**

Day 1  Half-hour reading for comprehension/information and fluency.

Half-hour reading for accuracy.

Homework: finish reading for accuracy, review major grammar questions, important vocabulary.

Day 2  Hour translating reading passage, discuss grammar.

Days 3/4. Same as above, but with listening comprehension.

Day 5  Discuss points raised in previous days, including word formation, character or writing system issues, if appropriate (e.g. in non-Roman script systems).

**Notes:** Work in groups or pairs during scheduled time; this allows for more effective sharing of reading and listening strategies. Have access to advanced linguist or good reference material. Students might want to divide up homework in advance, each individual doing a part of it and all discussing it the next day. Days off: do reading for comprehension, minimum half-hour per day. As with lower skilled linguist program, above, this should be continued throughout tour.
Higher skilled linguists should do similar work but should include speaking (no matter what the job requirement is for speaking skills - there is hardly any more efficient way to become proficient in language use, particularly in listening, than to speak). Make the needed effort to speak accurately, though. Speaking a pidgin is not helpful (unless you're studying Pidgin) and bad habits are very hard to break. Use the language as much as possible!

2. Reading for Comprehension or Accuracy

Here is what is meant by reading for comprehension. Choose a text on a topic you are interested in (something you would read if it were in English). Divide it into sections that are only two or three short paragraphs long. Now, WITHOUT LOOKING UP ANY WORDS, read through to the end of an entire section. Using clues in illustrations, captions, titles or other parts of the text, this first reading should give you at least a vague idea of what the passage is about. Notice things like endings that give you clues to connections with other words, make sure you know what nouns can go with what verbs or prepositions, watch for cases, genders, numbers. Even if you don't know what a word means, very often you can tell what part of speech it is and what it fits with. "Three white (something) were (something) on the (sticks? poles? ropes?)." That, at least, is a start. Reading it through again will start to bring some of those "somethings" into focus.

Once you've read all the way through a couple of times, and talked about it all with your group, THEN (and only then) look up one or two of what appear to be key words - ones that are repeated or appear to tie several sets of words together. Look them up, that is, only if you haven't been able even to guess a possible meaning for them.

Live with a bit of uncertainty! It's not critical that you understand every nuance of these readings. We often don't even understand every word we read in English, but it rarely makes a serious difference. The main problem with reaching for the dictionary as soon as you read the first three words is that it's a waste of time. The word you spend your time looking up may be explained in the next line anyway and, when you do look it up, it may have half a dozen meanings listed, which is of little help since you can't pick one until you understand the general sense of the passage. You won't get the general sense until you read it all the way through. Besides, if you rely on the dictionary to get you to the end of the sentence and you look up four words, each with five possible meanings, you'll have hundreds of combinations to choose from (not to mention that the rest of the passage waiting for you is full of more sentences just like that one).

Use knowledge of "scripts" (i.e., stereotypical formats - weather forecasts have a different format than advertisements or political reportage) to determine what the unknown element ought to be.

Rely on background world knowledge to fill gaps in linguistic knowledge and to ascertain accuracy of comprehension (i.e., does the interpretation of the information in the article/listening passage make sense?)

In reading for comprehension, we don't rely on the dictionary: we just plow through and get what we can from the clues in and around the text itself.

This approach is the same one that experienced transcribers take when first sitting down to work. First, they use all the external clues - notes, titles, source, etc. Then they listen through the whole unit (however it may be divided up). Then they begin transcribing or translating. That's how the student should approach both the reading and the listening part of these suggested programs.

Reading for accuracy is the next step. If you really need to, and only after you've read it thoroughly for comprehension, look up anything you aren't completely sure of. Make sure you know what words mean as they are used in this context and why they appear the way they do.
Something to keep in mind in both sorts of reading is that often it is not the words themselves that carry the meaning you are looking for, it is the phrases they are in or the order they come in. Be alert for that sort of thing, particularly if you think you know all the words, but it still does not make sense. Sometimes, too, you may have confused a part of speech - that thing that looks like a noun may really be an infinitive or even a preposition. Sometimes it helps just to remember that what you’re reading really does make sense in the original language, so it should make sense in English (assuming, of course, that you have chosen a reasonably normal reading passage).

3. Reading for Fluency and Information

Reading for fluency as an integral part of language training is often overlooked even for persons whose primary job will be to read vast amounts of print. The skills acquired by reading for comprehension and accuracy are not necessarily those which are required for the rapid reading of many texts. For this extensive, not intensive, reading is needed.

Reading for information should be designed to enhance the ability to locate specific information in a larger text. Some of the skills needed for other types of reading-reading for fluency and comprehension--are transferable; others need to be developed. Of special importance are recognition of scripts, as well as skimming and scanning techniques.

CHAPTER 5--THE INDIVIDUAL LINGUIST

A. What the Individual Can Do

First, any learner must realize that the primary responsibility for learning is personal: no one can put knowledge or skills into our heads for us. Learning, particularly learning an interactive skill like a foreign language, is active, not passive. Next, a language learner must understand that there are no shortcuts in the sense that no technology or technique is a substitute for memorization and practice. Memorization need not be accomplished by endlessly repeating lists of words. Most studies suggest that vocabulary is more efficiently acquired when it is encountered often in context, and particularly if the learner finds ways to use it. The most effective vocabulary-learning device may be the personalized dictionary in which learners decide for themselves what vocabulary they want to retain. Vocabulary can also be developed relatively painlessly via multiple readings and listenings on the same general topic, e.g., following the reportage on an event, such as the Middle East crisis in several newspapers over several days. With this method, the student should make an effort to relate the word to the context. However you go about it, you eventually do have to absorb several thousand words and assimilate the ways to use them to convey or understand meaning.

Learning is a highly individualized process - how it works for you depends very much on who you are. There is no "best" way to learn a language except in the sense of what most suits your learning style. There are, however, things done by successful language learners that seem to contribute to their success. The following is a short list of some conditions and approaches that appear to help. Obviously, not all can be used by all military linguists, but the more of these elements that are present, the more successful the learner is likely to be. (These are not listed in order of importance, since that depends on what and how much the learner already knows.)

1. Conditions:
   a. Immersion in the language
   b. Contact with native speakers
   c. Good sources of help
   d. Environment that stimulates and encourages language learning
   e. Support and encouragement from seniors, supervisor and coworkers

2. Personal qualities:
   a. High inherent interest (desire to learn)
   b. High personal motivation (desire to do what it takes to learn or enjoy)
   c. Learner personality: it usually seems to help if the learner is uninhibited, creative, and has a strong desire to communicate
   d. Learner background knowledge: the more information the learner knows in general about a wide variety of topics, the easier it is to understand an equally wide variety of topics in the foreign language
   e. Possession of processing strategies in the native language. For example: learners who are avid readers in general, usually become better readers in the foreign language (they already possess good reading processing strategies).

The learner can modify nearly all of these to his or her own advantage. **1.a. and b.** may be hard, but can be approximated by listening to tapes and radio, watching movies and TV, reading extensively in the
language (about the culture, arts and sciences, military developments, daily news), thinking and speaking to yourself in the language, forming groups or designating areas in which only the target language is used (at meals, for instance, or in the language study area). Military linguists of several foreign countries even conduct daily operations in the target language to the extent possible (given that they have to communicate with their own fellow workers who are not linguists). They write logs and operator notes in it. With activities of this sort, the linguist should balance using the language (communicating) with studying the language (monitoring). Practice as much as possible but stand back from time to time to check for accuracy. The idea is to master the real language, not to develop a limited pidgin, however useful that may be for the needs of the moment.

1.c. usually means teachers or fellow linguists who can provide you with valuable insights. Lacking these, though, a variety of reference material is indispensable. Work and study areas alike should be supplied with several different grammar reference books and a number of dictionaries. The reason for the variety is that no reference work is complete and each gives different explanations: what is missing or confusing in one may be clear in another. This applies as well to technical study: a variety of classified and unclassified sources of instruction is usually better than just one. A newspaper article can provide a helpful perspective to round out an outline given in a classified working aid on some military activity, for example. For some language specialists, such as attaches or interrogators, the broader the background, the better. Transcribers, even of normally stereotyped material, find that their speed and accuracy improve when they have studied a wide range of language material.

1. d & e. depend largely on factors beyond the individual linguist. Where they are lacking, patience and a constructive attitude on the part of the linguist are called for. Confronting an unresponsive system is rarely successful. But you can make doubters into believers by showing a supervisor who is juggling many conflicting demands that self-help and minimal investment of time and resources can produce good results in terms of individual and unit readiness. Don't wait for THEM to do it: it's your life and your skill you want to improve.

2. a., b., & c. are psychological factors that the learner can influence. It helps motivation and improves inherent interest to focus on the positive aspects of the culture or on the benefits of learning the language. It may help to expose the linguist to many aspects of the language and culture in English as well as in the foreign language. In particular, it helps if the student can tie learning the language to areas of life that he or she is already interested in: music, sports, history, food, cars, philosophy - whatever the linguist likes doing or learning about in English. The linguist should try to understand what mental roadblocks he or she is encountering and deal with them constructively. Positive motivation can be enhanced by

- having the linguists keep track of what they can do, not what they cannot do;
- periodically returning to a previous listening or reading exercise to see how much easier comprehension has become.

It is important for linguists, trainers and supervisors to have realistic expectations for progress through non-resident programs. A full year of all-day instruction with a professional staff in an environment designed for language learning is required to get most students up to professional entry level skill in the global language. To raise that skill by a " + " level takes most students an additional six months in those same circumstances. Learning a language takes consistent effort over a long period of time and it does not usually yield immediately obvious results. That does not mean that the results are not there or that the program is faulty. It simply means that the linguist and linguist supervisor should not be discouraged if the rate of return does not seem commensurate with the effort.

Available data suggest that one hour of training a day with limited work-related use of the foreign language will allow learners at Level 3 or higher to maintain, but not enhance their skills. Less than Level 3 learners usually lose proficiency, even while in-country. Enhancement usually only occurs with active use on the job plus near daily training.
Individual Linguist Training Plan (ILTP)  The ILTP is a plan developed by the CLPM together with the individual linguist. The ILTP is used to outline training goals and objectives and monitor individual language training. The following elements are critical to the successful implementation of an ILTP:

- Basic biographical information
- Assessment and documentation of training
- Individually tailored Training Plan
- Periodic consultation sessions with the linguist to discuss progress

B. Learning Styles and Strategies

There are many ways to take information in, retain it and be able to use it. The way or ways an individual does it best is that person’s learning style. For example, some people do not easily retain information that is presented orally; they may need to take extensive notes and review them later, or see the information in print. Others do better with oral interaction than with written material. Some need time to absorb and think about what has been presented, others must practice and reinforce it immediately.

When learners are aware of the existence of different styles and have some insight into their own style, they can develop learning strategies that take advantage of their strengths and compensate for their weaknesses. They can learn to adapt language material to suit their own style and can begin to modify their style to take advantage of a wider variety of material. In short, they can take control of their own learning once they understand better how it works. This pamphlet will not attempt to describe styles, strategies or how to diagnose and use them, except to point out that language programs that also address the issue of learning strategies tend to fare better than those that do not. It is a good idea, for example to:

1. incorporate and integrate strategy instruction with regular coursework;
2. select material that is challenging and representative of the language/culture;
3. teach strategies that are most effective in the language skill(s) to be practiced;
4. discuss what it is like to read (write, listen and speak) in one’s native language;
5. teach strategies to beginners as well as to advanced students;
6. keep it simple; do not try to teach too many strategies at the same time;
7. model the strategies for students;
8. make the instruction explicit, mention strategies by name; and
9. practice strategies throughout the training
CHAPTER 6--PROGRAM EVALUATION

A. Introduction

An effective language program requires close attention to and work in three major areas, all of which interact to help ensure that the resulting program will fulfill the goal of maintaining and enhancing the performance of linguists in the field. The three areas are:

1. the provision of a high degree of command- and installation-level support for the CLP;
2. the specification of detailed instructional objectives for the program and the ongoing, valid measurement of the accomplishment of these objectives; and
3. the development and delivery of a quality instructional program, explicitly based on the established learning objectives and fully supported in both concept and resources by the installation command and all other levels of the organization.

Provided below are checklists for each of these major areas, so that the CLPM can conduct assessments of the CLP’s status. The questions are designed to be applicable to all services. CLPMs should be able to answer each question positively; a negative answer indicates an area where adjustments may be necessary.

If you determine you need some assistance, contact your Service Representatives in the Programs and Proponency Division of DLIFLC. Our telephone number is DSN 878-5048/5319/5112. We can offer advice and assistance, and in some cases arrange to come to your location for a Field Assistance Visit (FAV). The FAVs are designed to assist the CLPM with the upgrading of the CLP.

B. Command Support

Command-Level Considerations

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8. Does the Commander authorize regularly scheduled training time, especially for sub-proficient linguists?  

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<td>7. Is the CLPM’s continuous tenure assured for at least a year, preferably longer?</td>
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8. Have all substantive functions of the CLPM been documented through job descriptions, SOPs, or other means?

Linguist Record-Keeping and Tracking

1. Does the CLPM maintain a database with, as a minimum, the following elements for each linguist:

- Basic demographic data, including duty assignment & MOS/job title, all language training completed, ongoing language training, ETS and PCS dates, FLPP status;
- Administration dates and results of all DLPTs taken, including version taken;
- Required re-testing dates for the DLPT; and
- Individual Linguist Training Plans (ILTPs), including language maintenance/improvement objectives?

2. Do the entries in the database match the linguists’ records on file at the Military Personnel Office?

3. Are personnel available to keep the records in the database current?

4. Is a historical database maintained in order to be able to measure long-term changes/progress and assess the effectiveness of the CLP?

Linguist Retention and Incentives

1. Is an incentives and awards program in place that carries promotion points or other tangible benefits, for example, Linguist of the Year/Quarter or three-day passes for superior accomplishments?

2. What percentage of the unit’s linguists are eligible for FLPP?

3. Has the unit established a specific target percentage of linguists who will qualify for FLPP?

4. Are linguists routinely alerted and advised on linguist life cycle training opportunities such as the Summer Language Program (SLANG), Military Language Instructor Program, etc.?

5. Does the CLP offer unique opportunities, such as Signal Intelligence Operational Training (SOT) or Live Environment Training (LET)?

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

1. Is a detailed SOP in place covering all aspects and standards for the CLP?

2. Does the SOP meet the following criteria:
   - Is it self-explanatory?
Is it specific in task assignments? □ □

Does it explain the rationale for the program as well as outline procedures? □ □

Does it specify POCs for issues not specifically addressed? □ □

3. Is the SOP updated regularly to reflect changes in the unit’s mission, personnel, procedures, etc □ □

4. Is the language training SOP an integral part of the unit/command SOP? □ □

Adequate Funding

Yes  No

1. Are CLP budget needs adequately identified and documented routinely? □ □

2. Are CLP funding requirements explicitly addressed in annual unit budget planning? □ □

3. Are the CLPM or other CLP Council members knowledgeable about procedures necessary to obtain the required funding? □ □

4. Is the CLP involved with and represented in long-range unit budget planning? □ □

5. Are CLP funding requirements separate from other training budgets? □ □

Access to Current Regulations

Yes  No

1. Are the appropriate regulations and information pamphlets readily available? □ □

2. Is it clear as to where additional or updated regulations can be obtained? □ □

3. Does the CLP regularly receive the DLIFLC CLP Newsletter? □ □

Utilization and Sustainment of Linguist Assets

Yes  No

1. Does the CLP’s SOP allow for the use of qualified military linguists to serve as instructors? □ □

2. Can linguist assets not assigned to the unit with the CLP (i.e., from a different company or battalion) be utilized to serve as instructors or assistants in the classroom? □ □

3. Is there a development program for linguists in the unit? □ □

4. Does the Commander require all linguists to participate in the program? □ □

5. Are the linguists allowed and encouraged to provide input to curriculum development or teaching done by others in the unit program? □ □
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CONUS/OCONUS training opportunities, such as colleges/universities or commercial programs?  

8. Do the linguists have the chance to make use of the different opportunities?  

9. Does the CLPM make use of any job-specific foreign language training and evaluation programs, such as Voice Interceptor Comprehensive Evaluation (VICE), Interrogator Comprehensive Evaluation (ICE), or Technical Support Package (TSP)?  

10. SIGINT only: Does the unit have a TROJAN system? Are the linguists regularly scheduled to work in it?  

11. Are unit linguists regularly enrolled in regional resident military training programs, such as the I Corps Language Program at Fort Lewis or the Foreign Language Training Center Europe (FLTCE)?  

12. Does the CLPM/unit Training Coordinator regularly request enrollment in DLIFLC intermediate/advanced courses for the linguists?  

13. Does the CLPM know what refresher/enhancement courses are available?  

Use of DLIFLC Services  

Yes  No  

1. Has the CLPM sought assistance from DLIFLC in the following areas:  
   • Advice/guidance on establishing/maintaining a CLP?  
   • Curriculum selection or development?  
   • Availability of DLIFLC Instructional Materials?  
   • Teacher training workshops?  
   • “Train the Trainer” workshops for CLPMs/platform instructors?  
   • Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) Skill Level Descriptions Familiarization Workshop?  
   • Command Language Program Managers Course?  
   • On-site language training through Mobile Training Teams (MTTs)?  
   • Use of VTT or Desktop Training  
   • Use of Scheduled and Programmed Sustainment and Refresher Resident Classes  
   • Do you receive the weekly DLIFLC Class Status Message?  
   • Do you receive Enrollment and Availability of resident training seats at POM?
• Do you have access to Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATTRS)?

• Course-specific testing and CLP evaluation?

• Clarification on DLAB, DLPT evaluation and/or administration issues?

• Telephonic or face-to-face speaking proficiency interviews?

• Information on current DLIFLC developments in training and testing materials, educational technology, and class scheduling and enrollment policies, including intermediate and advanced courses?

(For additional information on available DLIFLC services, contact your Service Representatives in the Directorate of Operations, Plans and Programs. Their telephone numbers are DSN 878-5112/5319. The commercial numbers are (408) 242-5112/5319.

C. Recommended Instructional Objectives

Introduction

The first step in designing an instructional program, or appraising the quality and effectiveness of an existing program, is to have available, or prepare as necessary, a detailed set of operational specifications for the intended linguistic performance outcomes of the instruction. Once these instructional objectives have been clearly specified - in explicit terms of what the student would be able to do with the language as a direct result of the instruction - it becomes possible to:

a. plan and implement the instruction so as to maximize the likelihood that the students will attain these objectives;

b. implement the instruction in a straightforward, efficient manner, and

c. develop and administer end-of-training evaluation instruments that will accurately indicate the extent to which the instructional objectives of the training have been met.

The exact nature of the instructional objectives, as well as of the instruction itself, will be influenced by the answer to the following question:

• Is the intent of the instruction to develop (or refresh) the linguists’ general language proficiency, as defined by the ILR Skill Level Descriptions,

   OR

• Is the intent of the instruction to teach a limited, specialized subset of the language for a particular, highly discrete, job-related purpose?

In the former case, appropriate end-of-training evaluation tools are available in the Defense Foreign Language Test (DLPT) batteries, which include tests of listening and reading comprehension.

In the latter case, the CLPMs must develop or otherwise obtain specialized tests which zero in on the particular elements of language that constitute the instructional objectives of the program. DLIFLC can assist in this effort by working with unit personnel to develop the necessary instruments or by playing a
General Proficiency Goal

The following part of the checklist is divided into two sections - the first to determine the effectiveness of a program pursuing general proficiency, and the second for a program pursuing specialized training in job-related elements of the language.

1. Does the command use the most current versions of the DLPT for the relevant languages? □ □

2. Does the unit have a designated and properly trained Test Control Officer who administers the DLPT? □ □

3. Is the testing facility adequate to ensure high-quality test administration (quiet location, working tape recorders, individual headsets with individual volume control for the listening comprehension test, good lighting, proper room temperature, etc?) □ □

4. Are DLPTs regularly administered to all linguists upon completion of the proficiency development/maintenance training program? □ □

5. Have provisions been made for, and are speaking proficiency test routinely accomplished, using the DLPT-based tape-and booklet-based speaking tests? □ □

6. Since DLPT scores are routinely reported up to ILR level 3, has provision been made for the telephonic testing of linguists who require demonstrated proficiency above level 3 to meet mission requirements? □ □

7. Is a local database of DLPT results, including numerical converted scores as well as ILR level scores, maintained? □ □

8. Does this database contain DLPT scores on every linguist from arrival in the unit to departure? □ □

9. Is a mechanism in place to interpret and use these results in the ongoing evaluation of the CLP? □ □

Job-Related Elements Goal

1. Has the unit (or a training contractor working on the unit’s behalf) developed and promulgated a detailed set of instructional course/program objectives for the CLP, in which the intended linguistic performance outcomes are clearly and operationally defined? □ □

2. Have achievement testing instruments, directly based on and embodying the instructional objectives, been developed, either locally or through an outside contractor? □ □

3. Have the achievement testing instruments been reviewed by an external agency (DLIFLC or other qualified organization) with respect to their technical validity? □ □
4. Are the achievement tests routinely administered upon completion of the instructional course/program?

5. Do students, instructors, and others involved in the language course/program receive feedback obtained from the achievement tests?

6. Does the CLPM regularly use the results of the end-of-training testing to track and document deficiencies or improvements in the training course/program over time?

Ongoing (Course-of-Training) Testing

It is important, in both general proficiency-oriented and in job-related programs, to be able to determine student progress at frequent points during the course of instruction, not simply upon the completion of training. The following considerations are relevant:

1. Are mechanisms in place to test student progress periodically during the course/program?

2. For proficiency-oriented courses: Are the progress tests themselves proficiency-oriented, in the sense that they require the students to carry out the same general types of real-life tasks that will be at issue in the end-of-course proficiency assessment?

3. For job-related courses: Do the progress tests comprise a subset of those particular performance elements (to be tested again at the end of the course) which are relevant for that particular point in the course?

4. Are the test results provided to the student and instructors as quickly as possible following test administration, so as to permit adequate attention and remediation over the balance of the course?

D. Quality Instructional Program

Curriculum

1. (General Proficiency) Does the curriculum make specific provision for teaching language skills as defined in the ILR guidelines?

2. (General Proficiency) Is the program of instruction based on the entering proficiency levels of the linguists (e.g., advanced linguists do not have to return to a basic course of instruction, but are given enhancement-level tasks that build upon their current level)?

3. (General Proficiency) Are current, appropriate, and authentic audio/video materials used for structured tasks which strengthen learners’ proficiency?

4. (General Proficiency) Are learners provided opportunities to use the foreign language in real-life situations outside of the classroom?

5. (Job-related) Is the curriculum based on a detailed analysis and specification
of the job-specific language use tasks the linguists will be expected to perform? □ □

6. (Job-related) Do the instructional materials and teaching context attempt to replicate the specific linguistic environment encountered in the operational setting (with respect to acoustic conditions, use of specialized terminology or expressions, speed of delivery, etc.)? □ □

7. (Job-related) Do field exercises incorporate language use? □ □

8. Are lesson plans routinely prepared, and are they operating documents? □ □

9. Is the curriculum regularly revised to incorporate lessons learned from previous iterations of the instruction? □ □

10. Are diagnostic and remedial procedures established to assist individual students with their particular learning problems? □ □

11. Is learner performance monitored through regular performance testing and feedback? □ □

12. Are self-study materials available to support the instructional process? □ □

Instructors

1. Does the CLP have a detailed instructor job description, including performance standards? □ □

2. Do program instructors have the following qualifications:

   • (General Proficiency) At least ILR Level 3 proficiency in the target language? □ □

   • (Job-related) Direct and detailed knowledge of the operational language use requirements at issue in the linguists’ field assignments? □ □

   • A sufficient level of English proficiency to communicate adequately with English-speaking students (usually ILR level 2)? □ □

   • Demonstrated successful foreign language teaching experience and/or formal education in foreign language teaching? □ □

3. Does the CLP provide pre- and in-service training for the instructors? □ □

4. Do instructors work with the CLPM in planning the curriculum, sequence and scheduling of instruction, and development of individual training plans (ILTPs)? □ □

5. Does the CLP provide instructors sufficient administrative support, including access to the chain of command? □ □

6. Are supervisory channels for instructors clear? □ □

7. If the CLP has contract instructors, who monitors contract compliance? __________________________

8. Do instructors receive periodic performance reviews or contract compliance
9. Does a positive rapport exist between instructors and students? Between the instructors and the chain of command?

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**Language Training Needs Assessment--LTNA**

**Personal Data**

Name _________________________ Today's Date ____________________mm/dd/yy

Rank/Grade_______________________ SSN ___________________________

Education level ____________________ Unit __________________________
(number of years and any earned degrees)

Primary Job Identifier ________________ Duty Position ____________________
(MOS, NEC, AFSC)

Primary Language ____________________ Source __________________________
(Non-English) (DLIFLC, high school, home, etc.)

Date of most recent DLPT ____________ DLPT Level          L____ R____ S____

Secondary Language __________________  Source _________________________
(Non-English) (DLIFLC, high school, native etc.)

Date of most recent DLPT ____________ DLPT Level          L____ R____ S____

**Needs Assessment**

When answering the following questions, please indicate whether you are addressing your primary or secondary language. If you wish to address both languages please fill out a separate questionnaire for each. Language: ___________________________________

1. What training activities do you think would benefit you more? Prioritize from 1 (most beneficial) to 6 (least beneficial).
   - ___ Two week refresher training with native instructor
   - ___ Weekly maintenance with native instructor
   - ___ Independent study
   - ___ Computer assisted study
   - ___ VTT refresher with DLIFLC instructor
   - ___ Other __________________________

2. Which language skill(s) do you feel you need to improve? Circle all that apply.
   a. Listening  b. Reading  c. Speaking
   d. Vocabulary  e. Grammar  f. Pronunciation

3. What topical or functional areas would you like to focus on in your global language studies?
   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________

4. What topical or functional areas would you like to focus on in your military language studies?
   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________

5. What time of day is the best time for you for sustained language maintenance training?
   ____________________________________________________________________

6. Considering only duty day hours, how many hours per week does your unit allow for language training?
   ____________________________ hours per week.
7. Considering only off duty hours, how many hours per week are you available for language training? 
_________________________ hours per week.

LTNA--Time on Task

Thinking back over the last 12 months, please indicate the number of hours you typically spent on the following activities using your foreign language (on and off duty hours). If you spent less than one hour on any activity, write a 0 in the space provided. Do not leave it blank.

1. Classroom study with native / near native speaking instructor.
   ___________________________ hours per week.

2. Classroom study with an instructor of less than native proficiency.
   ___________________________ hours per week.

   a. Reading foreign language magazines, newspapers or books.
      ___________________________ hours per week.
   b. Viewing foreign language films, TV or other video materials.
      ___________________________ hours per week.
   c. Listening to foreign language radio, music, etc.
      ___________________________ hours per week.
   d. Using DLIFLC or commercially produced language study materials that directly support career progression, (e.g. FLAMRIC, Proficiency Improvement Courses (PICs), Refresher-Maintenance or FLO materials).
      ___________________________ hours per week.
   e. Computer-assisted self-study?
      ___________________________ hours per week.

4. Informal practice or study with other non-native speakers of the foreign language (such as others in your unit).
   ___________________________ hours per week.

5. Informal interaction with native speaking friends or family members.
   ___________________________ hours per week.

6. Informal interaction with other native speakers (such as in stores, restaurants, etc.).
   ___________________________ hours per week.

7. Do you currently use or train in the target language in any way that has not been covered by the preceding questions? If so what, and how many hours per week?
   ____________________________________________________________________________________
LTNA--LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTER (LRC)

1. In the last twelve months, how much time, on average, did you spend in your unit’s LRC?
   ___________________________ hours per week.

2. In the last twelve months, how many hours per week did you participate in the following types of unit-sponsored language training?
   
   a. Maintenance Training with a native / near native instructor?
      ___________________________ hours per week.
   
   b. Refresher Training with a native / near native instructor?
      ___________________________ hours per week.
   
   c. Enhancement Training with a native / near native instructor?
      ___________________________ hours per week.

4. Did this training meet your expectations and needs? Explain.
   __________________________________________________________________________________

5. In your opinion, does your unit’s LRC have an adequate stock of materials (e.g. books, magazines, tapes, software etc.) in your language? If not, what’s missing?
   __________________________________________________________________________________

6. How well does your unit’s Command Language Program (CLP) enable you to maintain or improve your general foreign language skills? Circle one.
   a. Very Well
   b. Rather Well
   c. Satisfactorily
   d. Rather Poorly
   e. Very Poorly

7. How has your unit’s CLP helped you most to improve your language proficiency?
   __________________________________________________________________________________

8. What more do you think your unit’s CLP could do to help you improve your language proficiency?
   __________________________________________________________________________________

9. What is the biggest obstacle to overcome for you to reach your language proficiency goals?
   __________________________________________________________________________________
CHAPTER 7: OTHER INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE TO CLP MANAGERS

REGULATIONS RELEVANT TO COMMAND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Department of Defense Regulations and Guidance

DoD Dir 5160.41, Defense Foreign Language Program
DoD Dir 5210.70, DoD Cryptologic Training
DoD Dir 3305.2, General Intelligence Training
DoD 1322.8-C3, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Catalog for Education and Learning Centers
Defense Intelligence College Catalog
Defense Intelligence Agency Training Course Catalog
National Cryptologic School Course Catalog (for SIGINT linguists only)
NSA/CSS Circulars-Cryptologic Training System: 40-1
NSA/CSS Circular 40-5, Military Linguist Development Program
NSA/CSS Circular 40-18, Title Classified
NSA/CSS Regulation 60-38, Support for External Language and Language Related Programs, 11 April 1983

DD Forms Related to Foreign Language Training:

DD Form 282 (DoD Printing and Requisition Order)
DD Form 448 (Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request)
DD Form 1155 (Order for Supplies or Services)
DD Form 250 (Material Inspection and Receiving Report)
DD Form 1556 (One Time Purchase Request)

U.S. Army Regulations and Guidance

The SPM AO address and telephone number:
Army Language Program Manager
HQ DA, ODCSINT (DAMI-POD)
Room 2B479, The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.-20310-1061

DSN: 225-4211/2120 COMMERCIAL: (703)695-4211/2120

DA Pam 611-16, Handbook of Army Personnel Tests
DA Circular 350-85-2, Language Training for Enlisted Personnel
AR 108-2, Army Training and Audiovisual Support
AR 140-1, Mission, Organization, and Training
AR 220-1, Unit Status Reporting (with appropriate MACOM supplements)
AR 350-1, Army Training
AR 350-3, Tactical Intelligence Readiness Training (REDTRAIN) Program (with appropriate MACOM supplements)
AR 350-12, Cryptologic and Signal Intelligence Training
AR 350-16, The Army Language Program
AR 350-20, Management of the Defense Language Program (revision pending)
AR 351-1, Individual Military Education and Training
AR 351-9, Interservice Training, 1 Jul 86
AR 600-200, Enlisted Personnel Management System
AR 611-5, Army Personnel Selection and Classification Testing
AR 611-6, Army Linguist Management
AR 611-101, Commissioned Officer Specialty Classification System
AR 611-112, Manual of Warrant Officer Military Occupational Specialties
AR 611-201, Enlisted Career Management Fields and Military Occupational Specialties
AR 621-1, Training of Military Personnel at Civilian Institutions
AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System (ACES)
FORSCOM/TRADOC Regulation 135-3, US Army Reserve Forces Schools
FORSCOM 350-22, FORSCOM Command Language Program, Annex 4 to Appendix D, Reserve Component Goals and Standards
User Guide for FORSCOM REFRESHER PROGRAM of the FORSCOM Command Language Program (FORSCOM Reg 350-22)
FORSCOM/ARNG 35O-2, Reserve Component Training
INSCOM 35O-3, INSCOM Command Language Program
INSCOM Project Babel
REDTRAIN Handbook (INSCOM)
Unit SOP (at battalion or brigade-level)
USAREUR Regulation 621-1, Education. The Foreign Language Instruction Program
USAREUR Regulation 35O-1, USAREUR Training Directive
USAREUR Regulation 351-2, Schools HQ USAREUR/FA Proponent Responsibilities for Seventh Army Combined Arms Training Center Courses of Instruction
USAREUR Regulation 621 - 1, The Foreign Language Instruction Program
USAREUR Regulation 621-5, Education. Army Continuing Education System (ACES)
USASOC Regulation 350-22, USASOC Command Language Program (UCLP)
TRADOC Regulation 350-27, Training Trainers

DA Forms Related To Language Training:
DA Form 330 (Defense Language Proficiency Test Results)
DA Form 3595 (Purchase Request and Commitment)

U.S. Air Force Regulations and Guidance

The SPM AO address and telephone number:
Force Management & Training Branch
Directorate of Plans, Policy, and Evaluation
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, USAF/INXFM
Washington, D.C. 20330-5110
DSN 761-4784 COMMERCIAL: (202)694-4784

AF Intelligence Reserve, Foreign Language Program, Team Leaders Guide, 1989 (pending revision)
AFJI 14-107, Management of the Defense Foreign Language Program
AFI 36-2110, Personnel Assignments, Jul 94
AFI 36-2201, Developing, Conducting, and Managing Military Training Programs.
AFI 36-2230, Interservice Training (Joint)
AFI 36-2605, Attachment 12, Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP)
AFI 36-8001, Reserve Education and Training (pending)
AFPD 36-80, Reserve Education and Training, Aug 93
AFCAT 36-2223, Formal Schools Catalog

U.S. Navy Regulations and Guidance

The SPM AO address and telephone number:
Navy Foreign Language Program Manager
Chief Naval Operations N13F

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FOB #2
Bureau of Naval Personnel
Washington, D.C. 20370-2210

DSN: 224-6851 COMMERCIAL: (703)614-6851
FAX: 224-6502 COMMERCIAL: (703)614-6502

CNETINST 1550.9B, Management of the Defense Language Program (update pending)
MILPERSMAN 6650.100, Safeguarding Enlisted Classification Test Materials
NAVSECGRUINST 1550.6, Cryptological Training Enrichment Program
OPNAVINST 1500.27D, Interservice Training
OPNAVINST 1550.7B, Management of the Defense Foreign Language Program
OPNAVINST 7220.75, Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (update pending)
NAVSECGRUINST 1550.9, NSG Language Readiness Program, Jan 95

U.S. Marine Corps Regulations and Guidance

The SPM AO address and telephone number:
HQ USMC
Foreign Language Officer (C4I/CRT)
Federal Bldg #2, Rm 3022
Washington, D.C. 23080-0001
DSN: 224-2115/6561 FAX 224-1410
COMMERCIAL: (703)614-2115/6561

ALMAR 177/97
MCOP 1200.7P, MOS Manual
MCO 1230.5, Classification Testing
MCO 1510.50, Individual Training Standards
MCO 1550-25, Marine Corps Foreign Language Program
MCO 1550.4, Management of the Defense Foreign Language Program
MCO 1580.7, Interservice Training
MCO 7220.52A, Foreign Language Proficiency Pay
MCO 11540.33, Cryptological Training
MCO P1000.6, Assignment, Classification, Testing and Standards (ACTS) Manual
NSGINST 1550.6B, Cryptological Training Enrichment Program

**DLIFLC Pamphlets and Forms Related to Establishing, Maintaining and Changing a Command Language Program**

DLIFLC Pam 350-5, Catalog of Instructional Materials
DLIFLC Pam 350-8, General Catalog of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (Available on LingNet)
DLIFLC Pam 350-14, DLPT IV Familiarization Guide
DLIFLC Pam 350-13, Foreign Language Services
DLIFLC Pam 350-15, LingNet Introductory Guide
DLIFLC Form 1054-R, Command Language Program Approval Request (Available on LingNet)
DLIFLC Form 1055-R, Training Support Requirements (Available on LingNet)
DLIFLC Form 877-R, Requisition for DLIFLC Instructional Materials (Available on LingNet)
DLIFLC Form 17-R, Command Language Program Training Report (Available on LingNet)

**How to Request DLIFLC Training Services**

1. Validated Training Support Requirements (TSR) - When units submit MACOM and SPM validated
   TSRs (DLIFLC Form 1055-R) with Part 11 (On-Site-Training Services) completed, DLIFLC OPP-S,
Scheduling Division coordinates with DLIFLC language schools/staff offices and MACOM for actual training schedule, training site, class size, number of instructors and funding requirements. Units will be informed in advance of the training services to be provided by DLIFLC. When DLIFLC has personnel and budgetary resources available, field units that have submitted validated training requirements will be given priority for training assistance.

2. Unvalidated Training Support Requirements (TSR). When units submit unvalidated TSR (DLIFLC Form 1055-R) they must directly coordinate with their MACOM/MAJCOM and SPM and inform DLIFLC OPP-PP in writing as soon as possible of validation of training requirements. Unvalidated training requirements submitted to DLIFLC will be considered on a resource available basis after validated training requirements are met.

   a. Activities/Commanders conducting foreign language programs must submit an Annual Training Report (ATR, DLIFLC Form 17-R), through command channels to DLIFLC with an information copy to Service/Agency Program Manager. The report will be forwarded annually, reflecting program data current as of 30 September of the completed FY, so as to arrive at DLIFLC no later than 31 January.
   b. If a CLP is discontinued, a final report will be filed with the Service/Agency Program Manager, or his or her designee who will notify DLIFLC of the change of status.

How to Order DLIFLC Training Materials

1. An initial stock of instructional materials needed for a nonresident foreign language program will be provided on a non reimbursable basis at the time the CLP is approved by the DLIFLC Commandant. Additional instructional materials will also be provided on a non reimbursable basis up to the projected Training Support Requirements for the fiscal year (See Chapter 1, D; App F, TSR) during the lifetime of the approved program. In this case, units will send DLIFLC a completed DLIFLC Form 877-R (Requisition for DLIFLC Instructional Materials) as they need the materials during the fiscal year.

2. In case units' language training requirements change, they should send DLIFLC a completed DLIFLC Form 1054-R (CLP Approval Request) for a new program and initial materials.

3. Individual linguists not associated with an approved Command Language Program will be provided refresher/maintenance materials when the requisition is authenticated by the individual's servicing personnel officer. The authenticated document can be any form used by the services. The Army currently uses DA Form 330 (Language Proficiency Questionnaire) for this purpose.

4. For Individual Mobilization Augmentee/Individual Ready Army Reserve linguists and Reserve Component Foreign Area Officers (FAOs), the Linguist Program Manager, US Army Reserve Personnel Center will authenticate the request, at Toll Free (800) 325-1874, Extension 2330 or 2301).
5. Non-linguist service members wishing to study a foreign language will be able to purchase most of the basic course materials listed in the catalog of instructional materials by sending a personal check or money order made payable to the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES. For further assistance, they may call the Service Representatives at DLIFLC, ATFL-OPP-PP at DSN 878-5319/5112. The commercial number is (408) 242-5319/5112.

**Instructor Evaluation Guidelines**

In hiring an instructor, it is important to specify as clearly as possible what you want the instructor to be able to do in the light of what you can expect for the money you are able to spend. As suggested in DLIFLC Pam 351-1, some common instructor requirements at the time of hiring include:

- A minimum ILR (Interagency Language Roundtable) level 3 proficiency in the target language;
- A sufficient level of English to communicate adequately with English-speaking students and administration (usually considered to be ILR Level 2);
- Demonstrated successful foreign language teaching experience and/or formal education in foreign language teaching.

Meaningful instructor evaluation presumes that the instructor has the opportunity to understand and adapt to unit expectations. For the short term, an evaluator needs to observe whether the instructor is able and willing to do what has been mutually agreed upon. In evaluating teacher classroom performance, keep in mind the performance conditions under which the instructor is presently working. Be aware of whether aspects of classroom instruction and teacher preparation that you observe have or have not already been addressed, either as part of conditions for hire, during subsequent consultations, or during discussions following previous class observations. When much improvement is needed it may be best to use a plan that requires no more than 1-3 specific improvements, then move on to a second plan with 1-3 areas of improvement. (Too many requirements at once tend to diffuse the teacher's focus and may result in very limited improvement in each area. Smaller units of requested improvement may result in substantive improvement, albeit only in 1-2 areas at a time.) Observed needs for improvement in areas not already addressed should be followed by a plan for remedying the situation. Both performance against established criteria and observed need for modification of criteria should be indicated in instructor performance reviews.

In establishing or modifying evaluation criteria, the following issues commonly surface, and should be clarified with the instructor:

- How often, when and how will instructor performance be reviewed?
- What would be the purposes of instructor review?
- Does the language program have a detailed instructor job description, and if so, whether the instructor understands all aspects of the job description?
- Which specific qualifications and abilities are required from the instructor in this position?
- Will the instructor pursue a plan of self-development, and if so, what milestones will be completed when?
- Will the unit offer pre- and in-service training?
- Is pre-and in-service training provided for in the instructor contract?
• To what extent will the unit and the instructor bear responsibilities for curriculum, program of instruction and schedule of instruction?

• How are the unit and the instructors expected to work together in planning curriculum, sequencing and scheduling of instruction?

• To what extent should the instructor tailor materials to unit needs?

• What has already been taught and developed by previous instructors?

• Is the instructor expected to develop and submit lesson plans?

• Are lesson plans to serve as working documents?

• Will the instructor be directly compensated for classroom instruction preparation time?

• Is the lack of direct compensation to the instructor for preparation for classroom teaching considered a factor in setting expectations for the content and delivery of instruction?

• What is the instructor's role in preparation, assignment and feedback on student work outside of class?

• Can the instructor expect regular student attendance?

• What will be the instructor's responsibilities in light of irregular student attendance; will the instructor be responsible for designing, assigning and tracking out-of-class language work?

• Is the instructor expected to prepare individual learning packets or individual training plans for students who cannot attend class regularly and track students' progress in them?

• To what extent will the instructor and the unit work together in designing individual training plans for students?

• To what extent is the instructor to provide language development diagnosis and remediation for individual students?

For the long term, it is necessary to determine whether what the instructor is being asked to do really meets linguists' needs. Both in-class instruction and out-of-class activities should give evidence of addressing global proficiency enhancement and, where possible, military-related and MOS skills. In general, this means that linguists' language encounters observed during instruction should be recognizable as part of a developmental progression in the language proficiency scale. Functions and topics dealt with in any activity should also be as compatible as possible with military needs. At elementary levels of language, basic generic language is also the groundwork for language for military purposes; even at this level, however, an evaluator may spot opportunities, either seized or missed by the instructor, to deal with topics or scenarios which would be useful for both generic and military purposes. As students' proficiency develops, language instruction can increasingly incorporate topics and scenarios either of a military/MOS-specific nature or of an adjunct nature (e.g., geography in target language in support of map-tracking).

Meeting linguists' needs also means that instructional time should be reserved as much as possible for activities requiring the classroom format: Listening, reading and speaking skills often support each other in the real world, as seen, for example, in conversations about menu selections, which involve reading, active listening and speaking. As psychomotor processes in their own right, however, the various language skills are seen as either productive skills (speaking and writing), requiring responses, decisions and active language production from the linguist, or receptive skills (listening and reading), which require responses and decisions from the linguists, but not language production. The classroom is usually the best place for giving the linguists opportunity for spontaneous interaction with other FL speakers. Some
aspects of listening and reading require interaction with other individuals; these are the ones which should be emphasized during training time. In providing instruction in listening and reading, making best use of training time would include:

- Preparatory or lead-in activities, such as
  - succinct explanations, if needed, of language structure contained in the text(s) to be read or heard;
  - brainstorming/mind-mapping activities and other advance organizers;
  - development of scripts/schemata to comprehend the text (e.g., cultural and general background information on the topic in the form of mini lectures, pictures, slides, videos and other realia); in short, what the native speaker brings to the task that the second language learner does not, and that is critical for comprehension;
  - adjunct activities in topical or lexical domains which supplement those in the receptive skills being dealt with;
  - guidance in learning strategies and strategies for coping with unfamiliar reading and listening material.

- Real-life tasks and feedback activities, to include gisting, scanning, skimming, prioritizing, chronological sequencing, expressing preferences, predicting and anticipating, filling in charts/forms, note taking, reconstructing of text, matching, answering open-ended questions, transcribing, translating, decision making, editorializing/expressing an opinion, etc. In designing the task(s) to go with a particular piece of authentic reading or listening material, careful attention must be paid to the proficiency level of the students; the difficulty level of the text, and the performance requirements set in the proficiency guidelines. Only a clear understanding of all three of these areas will yield tasks that are challenging, and interesting as well as effective.

- Follow-up activities (preferably personalized), such as interactive target language discussions or explanations which tie into and expand upon material dealt with earlier, and which if possible relate to the learner's personal experiences, areas of interest and/or job requirements.

- Good classroom instructors avoid using large amounts of time in activities that are best performed elsewhere or are contrary to the purposes of the types of texts involved. Examples of such less-desirable uses of time would include:

  - Routinely having students read extended text passages aloud: Normally, students should be performing the bulk of their reading as part of structured assignments outside of class. Reading aloud can indeed be required in real world language use (e.g., reading information over radio or loudspeaker), but texts which were written primarily to be read silently should be used in the manner for which they were intended. In reading, the reader and the text interact, but the act of reading in itself does not normally include processing the language in its spoken form.

  - Using large amounts of instructional time for listening to audio or video recordings without meaningful preparatory, task/feedback or follow-up activities designed around them, or without a clear communicative purpose for the learner.

  - Translating texts when the purpose of the activity is to develop global reading or listening skills. For general reading, a reader who must make a native language translation of a given text in order to deal with it is not successfully reading at the level which the text represents. In practical terms, linguists who do not read without translating likely will not read much at all.

  - Translation, along with transcription and gisting, can be useful when applied to development of military-related skills in listening and reading. Because these skills are sometimes required by military linguists, skill-specific foreign language activities should be developed to teach the requisite techniques. These activities should be performed as much as possible in lab or as homework, with preparatory instruction, feedback, follow-up activities and certain adjunct tasks performed during class time. Transcription, translation and gisting of texts likely to be encountered in the field require a substantial global proficiency
in order to be performed effectively. It is advisable to start teaching requisite techniques early, using simple, albeit unrepresentative, spoken and written texts and increasing realism of text and task sophistication as learners' language proficiency progresses.

Classroom speaking instruction can take on many forms; whatever the form involved, good speaking instruction should emphasize establishing a flow of information in speaking activities, so that some sort of information-gathering and getting or negotiating and establishing of meaning is involved. This can be accomplished at various proficiency levels, either in the form of structured speaking activities or in routine classroom interaction done in the target language. Whereas not every single language act performed by students in class will necessarily be part of an actual information flow, all speaking activities should in some way contribute to development of their ability to verbally interact. In proceeding to design effective speaking activities and designing their objectives instructors should keep in mind the following general assumptions about real-life oral communication:

In real life:
- people do not always speak in complete sentences;
- they often speak to more than one person at a time;
- they do not always speak face-to-face;
- they are seldom asked to repeat things verbatim;
- they change topics, often in mid-sentence;
- they often stop to interject comments, jokes and stories;
- they may stumble, grope for words;
- they use fillers and other discourse devices (e.g., in English: "hm", "to put it another way", "watchamacallit", "you know");
- they do not always go directly to the point; and
- conversation is not always a question/answer type of exchange.

Examples of speaking activities ideal for the classroom include:

- Any comment, explanation, clarification or discussion involving learners or learners and instructor in which the language functions called for are at a level useful for the learners. This can include both language instruction activities as well as incidental matters related to class management or to the students. Conversational interaction should involve tasks at or slightly above the present level of the speakers involved. Evaluators should look for evidence of instructor tailoring language so that it is a reasonable challenge for and profitable to the learners.

- Task-based conversational scenarios. Depending on learners' developmental level, scenarios should call for as much language recombination, innovation and active listening as possible.

- Spoken activities which give evidence of contributing to spoken military-related skills. These could include such activities as practice in asking and answering questions and responding to answers with follow-up questions, giving briefings, and interpreting. The activities should be appropriate for the learners' level, and should be expanded upon at intervals as the students' speaking proficiency develops.

- Building "islands" in which students establish set phraseology that they can draw on, adapt, or use as a respite while thinking of how to go on.

- Exercises which require students to paraphrase and/or develop synonyms;

- Exercises which build discourse competence (i.e., use of language appropriate fillers, culturally appropriate turn-taking, formation of responses, e.g., in some cultures, the last piece of information mentioned by the interlocutor is repeated by the second interlocutor before going on).

Usually to be avoided during instructional time are such oral activities as:
- spoken drills which require little or no concern about what is being said;
• extensive spoken practice with language samples which serve only to illustrate grammar points.

Students expect and appreciate explanations from the instructor about Target Language (TL) grammar and vocabulary which are clear and complete enough to help them understand what to do with or be aware of in the language in performing a given function. Evaluators should look for explanations that are clear and practical. To be discouraged are instructor explanations which go unnecessarily far beyond what the students can use for their present needs, or which give evidence that the instructor is trying to fill class time with a lengthy explanation or is showing off mastery of complex topics. Instructors should also apply techniques for steering students away from wasting class time with questions about peripheral matters or with otherwise “holding forth” at the expense of language learning. Often-needed explanations, paradigms and vocabulary lists should be posted in the classroom or be readily available to learners to use on their own; instructors should encourage and require learners to actively use grammar books and the dictionary, and to be willing to experiment with the language without necessarily having been primed beforehand for the language act in question.

In addition to observing whether the instructor is engaging in activities appropriate for the classroom, the evaluator should be looking for evidence that classroom activities support, contribute to, derive from and in general relate to each other and to the program as a whole.

**Practical suggestions for classroom observation**

Whatever the class visitation procedure used, the instructor should understand the class visitation policy. Both announced and unannounced class visits by supervising evaluators have their place in program evaluation: Visits coordinated beforehand are especially useful in allowing the supervising evaluator to help the instructor work through changes and improvements already discussed and planned, or to diagnose and advise on certain problems at the request of the instructor. If the evaluator is primarily interested in observing characteristics and behavior of students, the instructor might be informed of this so as to be relieved of unnecessary stress. To the extent that random sampling of classroom instruction is desired, unannounced visits are also appropriate. Instructors should be fully aware of the rationale for and possibility of such visits. Even here, evaluators should make an effort to determine that they are visiting at an appropriate and representative time by informing themselves about such things as:

• whether the instructor is or has been ill very recently or is otherwise under unusual duress;

• whether the normal mix of students is likely to be present during the visit;

• whether the class period will involve a substantial amount of non-instructional activity such as handing back and discussing a test or dealing with a particularly difficult administrative or disciplinary problem.

If the unit has a policy of admitting unannounced outside visitors to the classroom, the instructor should be fully aware of this. Normally, seating arrangements for one or more visitors are made ahead of time. Unless arranged beforehand, a visitor to the class, whether evaluator or observer, should not become involved in classroom instruction or activities. Evaluator’s note-taking should be as inconspicuous as possible, and evaluator’s facial expressions and body language should be neutral or positive.

**Criteria for Instructor Evaluation**

The aspects discussed above can be used for selection of criteria important for the evaluating supervisor. Further considerations are itemized as follows:

1. Some evaluation guidelines are based on considerations about how well the instructor can design the types of instruction addressed above. Some of the criteria for good lesson design would be:

   • design addresses learners’ needs;
• it addresses DLPT, MOS, general military needs as much as possible or as much as is appropriate;
  • goals are challenging without being unreasonably high;
  • interesting material;
  • maximally authentic materials;
  • originality of design;
  • creative use of media;
  • procedures for activities are transparent and clear;
  • estimated time required is well thought-out and accurate
  • timely feedback provided for;
  • maximal simulation of real-world environment and conditions;
  • clear rationale for each component;
  • strong linkage among components;
  • strong linkage between classroom instruction and out-of-class assignments;
  • in-class and out-of-class activities appropriate;
  • recycling and expansion of previously-taught elements in new contexts;
  • designed with the present students in mind;
  • clear policy on expectations for task performance, degree of precision;
  • provides a way for making maximum use of the target language;
  • provision for training learners to take necessary responsibilities for their language learning;
  • provision for helping learners develop skills for later independent language progress.

Intensive instruction in lesson design for interactive classroom instruction in field language programs is available from the Defense Language Institute. Details about this are given in Chapter 2 and Appendix H of this publication.

2. Other evaluation guidelines are based on considerations about how well the instructor can execute the types of instruction addressed above. Factors influencing how successful the instructor will be in executing a good plan include:

  • having needed materials on hand and in the right place;
  • ability to judge ahead of time how much time an activity will require;
  • awareness of how much time is passing;
  • ability to stick to the point;
  • ability to prioritize when improvisation is necessary; and
  • ability to remember the main point when improvisation is necessary.

3. Factors influencing an instructor’s effectiveness with students would include:

  • ability to actively listen to students;
  • rapport with the students;
  • appropriate liveliness;
  • appropriate monitoring of errors and error correction;
  • ability to be facilitator rather than sole source when appropriate;
  • ability not to dominate activities inappropriately;
  • awareness of learner styles, ability to differentiate among and adjust teaching to them;
  • awareness of appropriate learner roles, evident help given to students in performing these roles;
  • influence on anxiety level of class;
  • influence on learners’ confidence level;
  • provision of timely feedback;
  • calmness under stress;
  • evident fairness, impartiality; and
  • persistence and seriousness in using the Target Language for communication.

All the categories of evaluative criteria are interrelated and interdependent.
Structured Data Collection Instruments

QUESTIONNAIRES

Student feedback is one of the most important tools in evaluating a program. If there is no student feedback, there is no real first-hand knowledge of how the program was received. Pre- and post-tests may tell you the training outcome, but only the students themselves can tell you about the experience. Therefore, the best and least expensive way to survey students is using questionnaires. Additionally, questionnaires assure an absence of interviewer bias, offer the best format for multiple response alternatives, and provide a high rate of accuracy. DLI currently uses one questionnaire to evaluate instructors and another to evaluate the programs; these are used across all languages.

In designing your questionnaire, keep in mind the following points:

1. When will you give the questionnaire to the students?
   a. Mid-course questionnaires are a useful tool if the data is compiled immediately, reported in group fashion to avoid attribution, and cover a variety of issues which can be corrected quickly if necessary. Don't solicit opinions at mid-term on those areas that cannot be changed.
   b. End-of-course questionnaires provide more data than mid-course questionnaires because students feel freer to express opinions.

2. What do you want to know?
   a. Define your topic areas first. If you are not interested in an issue, don't ask about it.
   b. Write a few concise, relevant, and clear questions on each topic, with a limited number of possible responses. Make sure the questions and responses are not open to different interpretations by different people. Use positive language whenever possible.
   c. Ask as few open-ended questions as possible. Try to ask questions with categorized responses for ease of tabulation. These questions also provide specific information. While open-ended questions provide more in-depth information, they are difficult to interpret or summarize.
   d. Keep the questionnaire short and simple. Most people dislike questionnaires and will appreciate brevity.

3. Do you want the questionnaires to be anonymous or attributive? You must either guarantee anonymity in reporting the data or state that names can or will be used prior to administering the questionnaires.
   a. Anonymous questionnaires have the advantage of putting the student at ease in making statements that might be critical of the program, the instructors, or his/her superiors. Anonymous questionnaires often result in more honest responses than in an attributive questionnaire or a face-to-face interview.
   b. Attributive questionnaires allow you the advantage of conducting specific follow-on interviews.

4. How will you tabulate the information you receive?
   a. Manually. This is labor-intensive and often results in errors. This is the only way to analyze quantitative data.
   b. Computer. The best way to tabulate data, once certain questions are answered:
      (1) Will you use a mainframe or a personal computer?
(2) How will you get the data entered? Will you use an optical scanner, manual data entry, or have students answer the questionnaire on screen?

(3) What software will you use?

(4) Who will develop the database or the scanning/scoring routine?

5. Do you want to survey others involved in or affecting the training, such as instructors, military supervisors, or course developers? If so, develop questionnaires aimed specifically at these roles.

INTERVIEW PROTOCOLS

Students, instructors, course developers, and others involved in the training can be interviewed at various times, using a standard interview protocol. The interview protocol is simply a list of questions. The guidance for developing an interview protocol is the same as developing a questionnaire, except more open-ended questions can be asked.

Interviews are usually conducted one-on-one and reported in the same manner. Develop a structured interview guide to use. Begin with an introduction to the soldier and include the questions to be asked. It is recommended that there be space below each question for the interviewer to record the response. Ask each respondent the same questions in the same manner. However, be prepared to adjust subsequent questions to probe significant areas or clarify ambiguities at the completion of the protocol.

Interviews have some definite advantages over questionnaires. (Keep in mind, however, time constraints and the staffing required to conduct interviews.) Some of the most important advantages include:

1. The response rate is higher in a face-to-face interview, often as high as 80 to 90 percent.
2. Many people cannot or will not complete a questionnaire, but almost anyone can be interviewed.
3. Ambiguous or confusing questions can be clarified on the spot in an interview.
4. Interview data tends to be more in depth than questionnaire data.
5. Respondents are less likely to leave questions unanswered during interviews.

CHECKLISTS

Checklists, (or work sheets, observation forms, and job aids) are used for collecting information during the evaluation of any training program, product or process. Training observation ensures that the right things are being trained and being trained well, and the observation checklist is the tool to doing it.

Like the interview protocol, a checklist should have a space to record information in support of the basic questions, "Are we doing the right kind of training?" and "Are we training them well?" To be thorough, you will also need to record administrative information, general comments and the observer's recommendations. Use either the Program of Instruction (POI) or Lesson Plans prepared for the classes to develop specific questions concerning what should be taught. Then, to answer questions about training well, develop questions that answer the following:

--Is the environment conducive to learning?
--Are the materials, methods, and media effective? Is the instructor effective?
--Are students actively involved in the learning? Is the overall training strategy effective?
Classroom observation techniques and criteria are discussed in depth in Appendix J of this pamphlet. However, it is appropriate to discuss some practical concerns for this data collection tool. Make sure that the instructor understands your class visitation policy. Both announced and unannounced class visits are appropriate.

1. Planned visits allow you to help the instructor with planned changes and improvements, or to diagnose and advise on certain problems at the instructor's request. If you are only interested in observing student behaviors, tell the instructor in order to avoid causing unnecessary stress.

2. Unannounced visits are also appropriate. Instructors should be fully aware of the rationale for and possibility of such visits. Determine an appropriate and representative time to visit by trying to find out the following:
   a. Has the instructor been ill recently or otherwise under unusual duress?
   b. Is the normal mix of students likely to be present?
   c. Will the class period involve a substantial amount of non-instructional activity such as handing back and discussing a test or dealing with a particularly difficult administrative or disciplinary problem?

3. If the unit has a policy of admitting unannounced outside visitors to the classroom, the instructor should be fully aware of this. Normally, seating arrangements for one or more visitors are made ahead of time. Do not become involved in the instruction or activities. Keep your note-taking discreet and your facial expressions and body language neutral or positive.

**Resupply of Test Material**

Test material is ordered from the Baltimore Publications Distribution Center as are all other publications and forms. However, it is imperative that the account number used is a valid Test Control Material Account Number. This number will always start with "T" and have four digits, e.g. T1234. The cover memorandum describing the order must also be signed by the authorized Test Control Officer (TCO) or Alternate Test Control Officer (ATCO) for that account number. A copy of the duty appointment order for the TCO or ATCO must be on file with the Baltimore Publications Distribution Center. If it is uncertain whether the Distribution Center has these orders on file, it is recommended that a copy of these appointment orders be forwarded along with the request for test material.

As in ordering any publications, there are several ways to prepare the requisitions. The most commonly-used is the DA Form 4569, the USAAGPC Requisition Code Sheet. A cover memorandum signed by the TCO or ATCO and providing the following information is then attached to the filled-out DA Form 4569:

1. Request the enclosed DA Form(s) 4569 be processed.

2. The following information is provided:
   a. Date of Requisition
   b. Number of DA Forms 4569
   c. Total number of line items
   d. Account number
   e. Phone number
Requisitions may also be prepared using a DD Form 173, Joint Message Form. This must be prepared very carefully to align exactly with the numbered blocks of the DA Form 4569. The "To" addressee will be "CDR USAAGPC BALTIMORE MD.'

Detailed information on requisitioning and correct use of DA Form 4569 and DD Form 173 are to be found in DA Pamphlet 310-10, The Standard Army Publication System (STARPUBS) Users Guide, dated October 1982.
POINTS OF CONTACT FOR CLPMs

COMMANDANT
DLIFLC & POM
ATTN: ATFL-OPP-PP
PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, CA 93944-5006
DSN: 878-5048/5112/5319 COMMERCIAL: (408) 242-5048/5112/5319

Army SPM:
HQ DA
ATTN: DAMI-POD
2511 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY, SUITE 9300
ARLINGTON, VA 22202-3910
DSN: 329-0708 COMMERCIAL: (703) 601-0708

Air Force SPM:
HQ AIA/DPAT
ATTN: MS TROLLEY
102 HALL BLVD
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78243-7019
DSN: 969-2807 COMMERCIAL: (512)977-2807

Navy SPM:
CNO
N132D8
ATTN: Language Program Manager
Navy Annex, FOB #2
Washington, DC 20370-5000
DSN: 225-3379 COMMERCIAL: (703)-695-3379

Marine Corps SPM:
Occupational Field Management Branch, C4I
HQ USMC
2 Navy Annex
Washington, DC 20380-1775
DSN: 224-3981 COMMERCIAL: (703) 614-3981
LINGUIST JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

ARMY

97B - Counterintelligence Agent  
97E - Interrogator  
97L - Linguist (USAR only)  
96B - Analyst  
98G - Voice Intercept  
98C - Traffic Analyst  
18x - SOF  
40x - Foreign Area Officer

NAVY

CTI NEC's

9192 - Thai  
9193 - Indonesian  
9194 - Cambodian  
9195 - Burmese  
9196 - Malay  
9197 - Serbian-Croatian  
9198 - Polish  
9201 - Russian  
(202 - Tagalog  
9203 - Spanish  
9204 - French  
9207 - German  
9208 - Albanian  
9209 - Persian Farsi  
9211 - Chinese  
9212 - Korean  
9213 - North Vietnamese  
9215 - Hebrew  
9216 - Arabic

AIR FORCE

AFSC's

1N3X1A - German  
1N3X1C - Flemish  
1N3X2A - Spanish  
1N3X2B - Portuguese  
1N3X2E - Romanian  
1N3X3A - Russian  
1N3X3B - Polish  
1N3X3C - Czech  
1N3X3D - Serbian-Croatian  
1N3X3 - Hungarian
1N3X3J - Bulgarian
1N3X4A - Chinese
1N3X4B - Vietnamese
1N3X4C - Thai
1N3X4D - Cambodian
1N3X4E - Laotian
1N3X4G - Korean
1N3X4J - Tagalog
1N3X5A - Arabic
1N3X5C - Hebrew
1N3X5d - Persian Farsi
1N3X5E - Turkish

8D000 - Interrogator/Debriefer
9L000 - Interpreter/Translator

MARINE CORPS

SIGINT:
2671 - Arabic
2673 - Korean
2674 - Spanish
2675 - Russian
2643 - Low Density

HUMINT:
0251 - Interrogator/Translator
0210 - Counterintelligence Officer (No language required)
0211 - Counterintelligence Specialist (No language required)

Secondary MOS:
8611 - Interpreter
994X - Foreign Area Officer
CHAPTER 8: THE BUDGETING PROCESS

Budgeting Timeline

1 OCT - NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS

1 OCT - ?- CONTINUING RESOLUTION DOLLARS, IF NO BUDGET HAS PASSED

FEB-MAR - BUDGET CALL FOR FOLLOWING YEAR’S REQUIREMENTS (RECURRING COSTS, NEW REQUIREMENTS, UNFINANCED REQUIREMENTS)

MAR-APR - MID YEAR REVIEW (HOW YOU ARE EXECUTING CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS PLANNING FOR REMAINING MONTHS (THRU 30 SEPT) AND ADJUSTING CURRENT YEAR UNFINANCED REQUIREMENTS

APR-MAY - INSTALLATION COMMAND OPERATING BUDGET/COMMAND BUDGET ESTIMATE DUE TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS

AUG-SEP - END OF YEAR SPENDING (AS OF 1 JUL) YOU CAN MAKE MISCELLANEOUS OBLIGATIONS THRU RMO

PROCUREMENT TIME LINES

APR/MAY - SET BY LOCAL CONTRACTING, LOGISTICS OFFICES. CUTOFF DATES FOR PROCUREMENT DEPEND ON LOCAL RULES AND THE SIZE OF THE REQUEST. CALL YOUR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT HEAR ANYTHING BY MID-MAY.

BEGINNING OCT-SEPT - REVIEW EXECUTION OF BUDGET ON A MONTHLY BASIS. IDENTIFY SHORTFALLS, EXCESSES PROMPTLY. MAINTAIN LEDGERS, ADJUST TO RM OBLIGATION REPORTS AS RECEIVED.

DEFINITIONS

Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA): An interim appropriation until permanent appropriations are enacted. Authorizes continuation of normal operations at a rate not to exceed the latest congressional action or the previous year’s rate, and there will usually be no new starts or expansions to a program.

QUARTERLY - ALLOWANCES FOR QUARTER RECEIVED

ANNUAL FUNDING PROGRAM (AFP) - TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE YEAR, ISSUED QUARTERLY

COMMITMENT - A FIRM ADMINISTRATIVE RESERVATION OF FUNDS, BASED UPON FIRM PROCUREMENT DIRECTIVES, ORDERS, REQUISITIONS, OR REQUESTS THAT AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN OBLIGATION. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IS ASSURED BEFORE A COMMITMENT IS MADE.

OBLIGATION - A LEGAL RESERVATION OF FUNDS GENERALLY RECORDED AT THE TIME A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN AN AGENT FOR THE US GOVERNMENT AND A SECOND PARTY
DISBURSEMENT - THE EXPENDING OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO SATISFY A LEGAL LIABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT. AN EXPENDITURE OF MONEY MADE BY THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER ON THE BASIS OF A CERTIFIED VOUCHER.

PBAC - PROGRAM BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ADP - AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

CAPR - CAPABILITY REQUIREMENT - USED TO REQUEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS/OFFICE AUTOMATION HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

MIPR - MILITARY INTERDEPARTMENTAL PURCHASE REQUEST (DD Form 448)

UFR - UNFINANCED REQUIREMENT (USED BY ARMY UNITS TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS THAT WERE NOT ORIGINALLY FUNDED BY THE COMMAND OPERATING BUDGET)
CHAPTER 9: CONTRACTING PROCESS AND SAMPLE STATEMENT OF WORK

PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS)

C. 1. FOREIGN LANGUAGE
C.1.1. GENERAL
C.1.1.1. BACKGROUND:
C.1.1.1.1. The Department of Army has renewed emphasis on language training for military intelligence linguists and the Special Operations Forces. To facilitate training the Forces Command (FORSCOM) and Special Operations Command (SOCOM) Command Language Programs (CLPs) have been established. Additionally, there are new requirements for higher levels of language proficiency to accomplish military tasks and expanded technical requirements necessary for commanders to ensure linguist proficiency. Command Language Programs provide facilities, equipment and a workable combination of classroom instruction, self-paced training opportunities and unit training to meet the needs of professional Army linguists, as well as all other Army personnel requiring foreign language in performance of their military mission and duties.
C.1.1.1.2. Training ranges from survival language and cultural orientations for soldiers deploying to foreign countries, and beginning level language training for specified units to refresher, maintenance and enhancement training for military intelligence soldiers. Reserve Component (RC) units from all services are trained in full-time study during two-week annual training periods and on Saturday and Sunday drill week-ends. Training may be conducted in the evenings if required. The program employs the most modern strategies and methodologies for second language acquisition. All instructors, through pre-service and in-service training, are required to be versed in these new methods. The contract specifications necessary to ensure that the method of delivery will satisfy the language training needs of units served by this contract are outlined herein.
C.1.1.1.3. The goals of the program are to assist Army Active and Reserve Component (AC and RC) linguists to achieve and maintain the Army minimum qualification of 2/2 in Listening and Reading or Speaking (depending on the MOS) on the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). The goal for the pre-deployment, beginning level classes is to register with a 1/1 on the DLPT. The program emphasizes creativity and flexibility to meet the unique training needs of commanders requiring mission essential language training for their soldiers. The courses do not have rigid Programs of Instruction (POIs) but rather use the proficiency level descriptions as a framework for the development of lesson plans. At each level, from 0+ to 5, very specific language behaviors are exhibited and expected. Once the instructor assesses the level of the class, appropriate lessons, materials and activities are presented to generate as much uninhibited, spontaneous manipulation of the language as possible and to prepare for the DLPT. The teaching methodology required is eclectic in nature and uses modern theories of second language acquisition. The program is expected to bridge the gap between global language and job-specific language by integrating map reading, briefings, weather reports and military terminology into the training. The environmental goal is to create a relaxed cultural atmosphere of the target language as well as a comfortable, non-traditional classroom setting. Generous use of technology such as language laboratories, satellite news broadcasts, interactive computer programs, interactive video disks, VCR cameras and video are all employed to enhance the program.
C.1.1.2. REGIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
C.1.1.2.1. I CORPS - FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON: Contractor shall provide foreign language training for the I Corps Command Language Program (CLP) in support of Military Intelligence (MI) Military Occupational Skill (MOS) language-required, or authorize mission essential foreign language skills to professional Army Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) linguists located within the geographical region depicted on Technical Exhibit No. 7. These may be linguist graduates of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC). Additionally, training is delivered to soldiers requiring language skills in performance of their duties such as the Special Operations community and soldiers deploying to foreign countries on contingency missions or a permanent assignment. The I Corps CLP is the responsibility of the I Corps G2. As the Senior Intelligence Officer with regional responsibilities, the I Corps G2 can be asked for assistance with language training from other AC and RC units in Forces Command. Services are delivered at Fort Lewis, Washington, any designated satellite centers (e.g. Seattle, Poulsbo, Kent, WA) or at other Army installations both CONUS and OCONUS based upon requests through the I Corps G2 for assistance. The contractor shall provide the administrative support;
Language Training Center Operator support for the Foreign Language Training Center (FLTC), unit language facilities and the instructors; materials preparation/adaptation to include computer assisted instruction; translation services; pre-service training for foreign language instructors; and instructional services as outlined in this Performance Work Statement (PWS). The Foreign Language Training Center is located in Building 12C9 on North Fort Lewis. Satellite unit language facilities on Fort Lewis directly supported by the FLTC are at 1st Special Forces Group (A), Building 9176 and 201st Military Intelligence Brigade in Building 2123.

C.1.1.2.2. III CORPS - FORT HOOD, TEXAS: Contractor shall provide foreign language training in support of the III Corps CLP to professional military linguists Army Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) linguists located within the geographical region depicted on Technical Exhibit No. 7. The majority of these linguists will be MI soldiers holding language-required MOSs, who are graduates of the resident courses at DLIFLC and who are assigned to III Corps and its major subordinate commands. As of 3 June 1996, these major subordinate commands consist of 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division (M), 504th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Hood Texas, as the 3rd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado. Additionally, the III Corps CLP regularly supports soldiers from other AC units within the Southwestern region of the United States. The contractor shall provide the administrative support; an Audio Visual Technician to support instructors and language laboratories; material development and adaptation; and instructional services as outlined in this PWS. Currently, the III Corps CLP is composed of regularly scheduled two-week and three-week refresher/maintenance classes for professional military linguists who are graduates of the resident courses at DLIFLC, daily maintenance training on a walk-in basis for the same group of soldiers, special pre-deployment contingency language familiarization training, and special courses of any length and goal requested by any supported commander. As of 3 June 1996, the III Corps language mix is predominantly Arabic and Russian. However, changes in the FORSCOM language mix will see this mix evolve over the next few years to a mix of 40% Arabic, 40% Korean, and 20% Russian. There may be aperiodic requirements for training in languages such as Czech, French, German, Polish, Portuguese, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, and other languages.

C.1.1.2.3. XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS: Contractor shall provide foreign language training for the XVIII Airborne Corps Command Language Program in support of Military Intelligence MOS-required or authorized foreign language skills to professional linguists, both Army Active Component (AC) and reserve Component (RC) linguists located within the geographical region depicted on Technical Exhibit No. 7, who may be graduates of the resident courses at the Defense Language Institute and assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps and its major subordinate commands: currently consisting of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia; 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York; 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) at Fort Polk, Louisiana; 525th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and the 224th MI Battalion at Hunter Army Air Field, Georgia. The contractor shall provide the administrative support; Audio Visual Librarian support for the language laboratories/instructors; material development/adaptation; and instructional services as outlined in this PWS.

C.1.1.2.4. UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE COMMAND (USARC): Contractor shall provide foreign language training for the United States Army Reserve Command (USARC) Command Language Program in support of Military Intelligence MOS-required foreign language skills to professional Army Reserve linguists who are assigned to Military Intelligence Units subordinate to USARC and its major subordinate commands. Although Army Reserve military intelligence units support the requirements of the Active Component, (primarily at echelons Corps and above), Army Reserve language training requirements differ from those of the Active Army. Unlike the Active Army, the Army reserve has requirements for large numbers of translators/interpreters (Military Occupational Specialty 97L). Many soldiers holding MOS 97L have not attended formal language training at the Defense Language Institute; instead, they have acquired their language proficiency via civilian schools, family environment, or in-country residence. Command Language Programs in the Army Reserve are usually conducted in four-hour blocks on weekday evenings, or on weekends. Additionally, Army Reserve language programs typically conduct two-week blocks of language refresher training during summer months. USARC Military Intelligence Units are currently subordinate to ten Regional Support Commands (RSCs), located throughout the Continental United States. Additionally, USARC supports five Army Reserve Intelligence Support Centers (ARISCs,) and five Reserve Forces Intelligence schools (RFIs). The Contractor shall provide instructors; material development and adaptation; and instructional services to USARC MI elements at the locations identified in Technical Exhibit No. 2.
C.1.1.2.5. A comprehensive listing of all foreign languages eligible for training at any regional site under this contract is provided at Technical Exhibit No. 1.

C.1.2. PERSONNEL COVERAGE. The contractor shall not have any break in service in the case of personnel resigning. Replacement personnel shall be hired and in position immediately upon the departure of the original person. In the event that a break in contract services does occur, Contractor shall not bill for sessions not delivered and not replaced due to personnel departure.

C.1.2.1. The Contractor shall provide all personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies of any kind needed for performance of the contract not specified in C.3, GOVERNMENT FURNISHED PROPERTY AND SERVICES, to include instructor membership and participation in professional organizations which operate to maintain proficiency in the skills of teaching second languages. Such membership is at the option of the Contractor who shall bear all associated costs.

C.1.2.2. The Contractor shall maintain records of all instructor personnel qualifications. The Government may inspect these records at any time.

C.1.3. NATIONAL AGENCY CHECK (NAC) REQUIREMENT.

C.1.3.1. The Contractor shall, within five (5) working days after contract award, provide the COR, for transmittal to the Directorate of Counter Intelligence and Security (DCIS), a list of all personnel to include social security numbers, date and place of birth for each employee. Within thirty (30) calendar days after contract award the contractor shall insure all personnel have completed DD Form 398-2, submitted it to DCIS and complied with all other requirements necessary for this check as stated in AR 604-5. A contractor’s application for the NAC must be completed and submitted to DCIS prior to that employee providing any instruction under the contract. As required, the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) will supply blank DD Forms 398-2.

C.1.2.3. Subsequently, upon hiring new employees, the contractor shall immediately provide written notification, by name, of any potential employee for transmittal to DCIS and ensure the instructors meet all other requirements associated with application for the NAC prior to commencing instruction.

C.1.3.3. If the NAC is completed with other than favorable results, the contractor shall not allow the employee to provide further instruction under the contract unless prior written approval from the Government is obtained.

C.1.4. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: The contractor shall maintain all classroom facilities in a manner conducive to learning and/or testing. This includes the contractor’s responsibility to create an atmosphere of “pride in one’s area”; to keep bulletin boards current and decorative and maintain tidy areas. While the Government will provide janitorial service, the contractor shall encourage employees to use their creative abilities to promote a sense of caring and maintain facilities professionally.

C.1.5. ACCREDITATION. Accreditation is not required.

C.1.6. QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (QCP). The contractor shall provide for Government approval a comprehensive Quality Control Plan for implementation by the contractor throughout contract performance.

C.1.6.1. The QCP shall address all performance requirements covered by this contract. Methods, procedures and forms utilized shall support the concept that the contractor is responsible for quality of services.

C.1.6.2. The following are minimum acceptable items which the contractor shall include in the QCP:

C.1.6.2.1. Use of and responsibility for Government furnished materials, including the curricula and all other Government equipment and property.

C.1.6.2.2. Personnel performance and evaluation.

C.1.6.2.3. A checklist or monitoring instrument that documents the performance and quality of orientation of all personnel. This instrument shall also document pre-service and in-service instructor training which includes the use of Government furnished curricula and prescribed methodologies. This documentation shall immediately be available to the COR upon request.

C.1.6.2.4. Record keeping and reporting requirements of the contract.

C.1.6.2.5. Management and administration of the contract.

C.1.6.2.6. The QCP shall describe methods of direct and indirect communication with the Government regarding performance of the contract. The communications shall include regular and formal meetings with the Government. Informal communications shall also be addressed.

C.1.6.2.7. Specific surveillance techniques for all contract services shall be described. The surveillance methods shall be comprehensive and adaptable to the reporting system of the plan.
C.1.6.2.8. The QCP shall address corrective action. The contractor shall respond quickly and affirmatively to deficiencies discovered in performance. These corrective actions shall not depend on Government direction. The contractor shall identify and correct problem areas. Records shall be kept of these areas and the communication methods described above shall include corrective action reporting. Short term remedial actions and long term solutions shall be described.

C.1.6.2.9. The contractor QCP shall include a customer complaint program. This program shall describe how all commanders, students, instructors, or other interested parties may identify problem areas and situations to the contractor. The customer complaint system shall be compatible with the reporting and communication systems of the plan. A student questionnaire may be part of this plan.

C.1.6.2.10. Any other features the contractor deems necessary.

C.1.6.3. The contractor agrees that the Government, at its discretion, may engage an outside agency or person to independently evaluate the program and the contractor’s performance. The contractor shall fully cooperate in such evaluation and make any records and documentation readily available to the outside evaluator upon request of the Government. The Government also reserves the right to conduct its own evaluations and/or studies of the programs addressed in this contract, which may or may not involve contractor personnel.

C.2. DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS.

C.2.1. ARMY RESERVE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT CENTER (ARISC) An Army Reserve intelligence production and training site providing intelligence and foreign language training to Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers as well as to reservists from other services (Navy, Air Force, and Marines).

C.2.2. AUTHENTIC TEXTS. Aural (e.g., radio broadcasts), visual (e.g., TV programs, video), or written materials actually used by native speakers of the specified foreign language. Examples also include menus, hotel bills, timetables for commercial transportation, maps, newspapers, advertisements, magazines, recipes, literature, etc.

C.2.3. CLASS C TELEPHONE SERVICE: Telephone service is limited to on-Post dial capability.

C.2.4. COMMAND LANGUAGE PROGRAM. Under the auspices of the FORSCOM Command Language Program, the Corps G2 (Intelligence) (for AC units) and USARC DCSINT (for USAR units) is responsible for administering the Command Language Program for each program. The Corps G2/USARC DCSINT coordinates with the user units to provide language training for military intelligence linguists and other military personnel requiring foreign languages in performance of military mission and duties.

C.2.5. COMMAND LANGUAGE PROGRAM MANAGER (CLPM): A soldier or civilian employee who manages the command language program. Duties normally include programming for resources, budget execution, oversight of language training programs and initiatives. The CLPM position exists at all levels of command to coordinate the language program and related activities.

C.2.6. CONTRACTING OFFICER: A person possessing the authority to enter into, administer and terminate Government contracts.

C.2.7. DEFENSE LANGUAGE APTITUDE BATTERY (DLAB). The DLAB is a quantitative estimate of the ability of an individual to learn a foreign language in a formal training program.

C.2.8. DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER (DLIFLC). The Department of Defense agency tasked to develop and furnish official language teaching media for the military services. DLIFLC evaluates and approves foreign language programs and instructors.

C.2.9. DEFENSE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (DLPT). The official Department of Defense test to determine language proficiency in speaking, listening, and reading comprehension. The DLPT is available in a variety of foreign languages.

C.2.10. FORSCOM COMMAND LANGUAGE PROGRAM. Includes all foreign language training conducted by, or under contract to, Forces Command units or elements and installations for the purpose of refreshing, maintaining, or improving mission-required language skills and tasks for Active and Reserve soldiers. It does not include language education for non-military purposes.

C.2.11. INSTRUCTIONAL PERIOD. The instructional period for Foreign Language classes shall normally be held Monday through Friday between the hours of 0730-1630 “Local Time” (typical classroom instruction is up to a maximum of seven hours per day) or as designated by the Government to meet unit training requirements. One hour for lunch and sessions for instructor administrative/preparation time is in addition to these hours. Active Component facilities are available to instructors from 0730-1630 “Local Time” Monday through Friday to provide ample time for administration, arrangement and other preparation.
activities to support the formal training period. Reserve Component facilities will be available to instructors based upon local training requirements to include evenings and weekends.

C.2.12. INTERAGENCY LANGUAGE ROUNDTABLE LANGUAGE SKILL LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS. Skill level descriptions in the language skills of Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing were developed by the Interagency Language Roundtable to characterize levels of language usage. The ratings are from 0 (no proficiency) to 5 (functionally native proficiency) and are assigned to an individual through an authorized language examination. The entire Interagency Language Roundtable document is at Technical Exhibit No. 3.

C.2.13. MAINTENANCE TRAINING. A program of language use in grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and job related tasks designed to strengthen language abilities.

C.2.14. PREPARATION PERIOD. Defined as each hour required for the purposes of material preparation, computer lesson preparation, adaptation of authentic texts for classroom presentation, student evaluation, or formal record keeping.

C.2.15. QUALITY ASSURANCE. Those actions taken by the Government to check goods and services furnished by the Contractor to determine that they meet the requirements of the Contract.

C.2.16. QUALITY ASSURANCE EVALUATOR (QAE). This individual is formally assigned by the COR to represent the COR in checking goods and services performed by the contractor to determine that they meet the requirements of the contract. QAEs will be assigned at those units not collocated with the COR.

C.2.17. QUALITY CONTROL. Those actions taken by the contractor to control the production of goods and services so that they will meet requirements of the contract.

C.2.18. REFRESHER TRAINING. Instruction and study designed to improve general proficiency in the foreign language. Although the term can apply to any level of second language learning, refresher training in FORSCOM predominantly targets linguists below proficiency level 2.0 but also includes occasional training to reinforce proficiency levels for those at 2+ or above levels.

C.2.19. REGULAR WORKDAY. Monday through Friday are defined as regular workdays. This does not include Federal holidays as designated in Section f> For the Foreign Language Program regular workdays also include Saturdays and Sundays for scheduled training for Reserve or National Guard units.

C.2.20. RESERVE COMPONENT. This includes both Army Reserve and Army National Guard Units supported in this SOW.

C.2.21. RESERVE FORCES INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL (RFI). An Army Reserve school providing intelligence and global language training to members of the Reserve Component.

C.2.22. SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS FOR LEARNING (SCOLA). A program sponsored by the Government that provides real time news broadcasts from foreign countries via satellite.

C.2.23. UNIT OF MEASURE. The unit of measure for this contract is defined as one hour period of instructional service performed by a single instructor which shall include all costs associated with actual classroom instruction, material preparation, student evaluation, material adaptation, general administration functions, or formal record keeping. Also included in the definition of “Unit of Measure” are periods of staff meetings and training sessions for the instructors required by the Government for the purpose of in-service training, course development, and/or scheduling activities. If a particular class requires the services of more than one instructor at the same time, multiple hours shall result and shall be ordered. All general and administrative expenses, overhead, profit and other costs or expenses for which the contractor expects to receive payment must be included in the contractor’s loaded hourly rate. While hours are billed as a combined total, the contractor must obtain records reflecting hours for formal instruction and support activities for each instructor and provide a break out of hours to the Government at the end of each month.

C.2.24. SUSTAINMENT. A generic term, frequently used in connection with nonresident language programs, which actually involves refresher, remedial, and maintenance training to prevent loss of foreign language skills.

C.2.25. ACRONYMS
AC-Army Active
RC-Reserve Component
FORSCOM-Forces Command
SOCOM-Special Operations Command
DLPT-Defense Language Proficiency Test
VCR-Video Cassette Recorder
CLP-Command Language Program
C.3. GOVERNMENT FURNISHED PROPERTY AND SERVICES.

C.3.1. The Government will provide the following materials, facilities, and equipment for use in the performance of the contract.

C.3.1.1. The Government will make available administrative office space in the language center for the contractor personnel instructing in Active Army units. This could be in separate space or within the classroom assigned each instructor. Generally, administrative space will not be available in Reserve Component training sites.

C.3.1.2. The Government will provide second language acquisition materials published by the DLIFLC and other Government agencies, some commercial texts, reference materials for instructors on second language pedagogy and military publications and authentic texts for use in the language classroom. Lesson plan forms, student questionnaires and various data gathering forms will be provided by the Government. Commercial resource materials and authentic texts shall not be used in the classroom without prior approval from the Contracting Officer or his/her duly authorized representative.

C.3.1.3. In the Command Language Program, materials are required that will facilitate proficiency based instruction. The Government will provide controlled/contrived language materials as well as authentic military texts and authentic commercial texts for use in the foreign language classroom. However, to meet the needs of individual classes and afford instructors maximum flexibility, course materials are not standardized in the program. Using the proficiency level descriptions as a framework, instructors shall use Government materials but these materials shall be generously supplemented by authentic texts. See Section C.2 for a definition of authentic texts. The contractor shall make recommendations and provide samples when requested by the COR/QAE of such things as commercial textbooks, teaching aids (props, games, posters, etc.), and periodicals that can be reviewed by the CLPM prior to Government purchase.

C.3.1.4. Resource Closet. In line with the use of authentic texts and materials, and a non-traditional classroom setting, the Government will establish and the contractor shall use a resource closet or storage area containing classroom decorations such as cultural posters, props for role playing and games (cards, colored rods, balls, etc.). The contractor shall make recommendations and provide samples of these items when requested by the COR/QAE so that they can be reviewed prior to Government purchase.

C.3.1.5. Any materials or supplies provided by the Government shall be used in the language classrooms and shall remain the property of the Government.

C.3.1.6. Materials, software and library facilities in the language center will be available to the contractor supplied instructors.
C.3.1.7. All classrooms and classroom equipment as required, such as student desks, teacher desks, audio-visual equipment, and locking cabinets that will house materials to support all programs in this contract will be supplied by the Government. In addition, for the Command Language Program, the Government may provide easels, stereo equipment, audio tapes, and classroom supplies such as easel paper, magic markers and poster board. Each classroom will have a chalkboard/whiteboard, chalk or appropriate markers, and erasers. Any other equipment/material/supplies which the individual instructors may reasonably identify to the Government as being required to perform the tasks of this contract will be provided.

C.3.1.8. Government owned computers (with appropriate software) and printer for the purpose of maintaining and supplying statistical data, developing course materials, course evaluations, examinations, study materials, reports and information, and other items required by the instructors or the COR/QAE to support foreign language training function. Workstations will be provided whenever possible for the development of materials and for administrative purposes for contractor personnel.

C.3.1.9. Maintenance, custodial services, and utilities of Government facilities will be provided by the Government.

C.3.1.10. Program of Instruction (POI). POIs for the various foreign language courses shall tailor instruction to the individual needs of the students and to the mission requirements of the commanders. All POIs will be approved by the Command Language Program Manager or COR/QAE, prior to classroom presentation.

C.3.1.11. One class C telephone line limited to on-post service will be available whenever possible in each area where classes are held or as designated by the Government.

C.3.2. Upon award of the contract, the Government will provide the contractor an orientation to all program curricula, materials and test materials prior to commencement of contract performance. This orientation will be provided within one week of contract award, on-site.

C.3.3. All Government equipment shall be used only in connection with performance of this contract.

C.3.4. Inventory. During contract performance, the contractor is responsible and accountable for all Government property that is used in performance of contractor duties. A hand receipt will be prepared and signed by the contractor provided on site personnel, i.e., instructor or language training center/audio visual operator for Government owned equipment or materials used in the performance of contractor duties. If loss or damage is determined through a Report of Survey to be the responsibility of the contractor, the contractor will be financially liable for repair or replacement.

C.4. CONTRACTOR FURNISHED ITEMS.

C.4.1. The contractor shall furnish the following property:

C.4.1.1. The contractor shall not be required to furnish any property in direct support of the daily training nor preparation of said training.

C.4.1.2. The contractor shall provide all personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies of any kind not specified in C.3 needed for performance of the contract.

C.5. SPECIFIC TASKS.

C.5.1. REFRESHER/MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT TRAINING AT ALL LOCATIONS: This is language training designed for professional Army linguists who must continually maintain and strive to improve their proficiency. The majority of these linguists have been trained at the resident courses at the DLIFLC. The ultimate goal of the Refresher/Maintenance classes is for all linguists to attain and maintain at least level 2 proficiency in all areas tested on the DLPT. Enhancement is language training designed to raise a linguist’s proficiencies beyond previously attained levels with the ultimate goal of achieving level 3 proficiency. Refresher, Maintenance, and Enhancement language training is offered in classes of various lengths from two to sixteen weeks based upon the needs of the individual linguists, mission requirements, and the difficulty of the language; for RC units, this training may range from 4-8 hours per month to two weeks annually. Instruction is requested by the military units and can be either group instruction or tutorial in conjunction with self-paced study. Classes may also be required on the weekends to train RC units. The focus in these classes is aural comprehension, speaking, reading and writing skills in specific foreign languages. Certain courses may require a specified amount of military terminology. The specific methodology to be used in these classes is outlined in this PWS. Instruction shall be based on the most modern scientific and pedagogical principles and shall stress comprehension in listening, oral production and reading skills. Instructors are teaching adult students at an advanced university level and must be very aware of current strategies and theories that address adult learning styles. Individual language requirements at specific locations are outlined below:
C.5.1.1. I CORPS: The Fort Lewis Foreign Language Program instruction is currently taught in the following languages: Korean, Chinese, Thai, Tagalog, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Arabic, Turkish, Hindi, German, Spanish, French, and Russian. The contractor shall provide instructors for all of these languages and potentially for any other languages found on the list of languages in Technical Exhibit No. 1. Mission requirements frequently arise quickly and instructors and materials for languages not currently taught must be organized at short notice. The contractor shall provide instructors capable of teaching second language acquisition on all levels from beginning to intermediate to advanced. In addition, instructors shall be adept at working with individuals in a mentoring role as well as with small groups of up to ten students. Instructor support for translations from English to the target language and from the target language to English is required for both technical and non-technical subjects.

C.5.1.2. III CORPS: The contractor shall provide instructors for the III Corps Command Language Program. Currently, the Fort Hood program requires instruction in Russian (3 instructors) and Arabic (2 instructors) each duty between the hours of 0730-1630 (Local Time); Fort Carson, CO requires instruction in Russian (1 instructor) daily between 0730-1630 (Local Time). The requirement for both the specific languages and amounts of training conducted in each language may change as the Army realigns missions and language authorizations. The Government will notify the contractor as soon as possible in advance of any additional session requirement and/or target language change. Contractor shall also provide instructors for two-week and three-week training in Czech, French, German, Italian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Korean and other languages as required. Normally, III Corps will not require more than two instructors in each of these additional languages at one time, although it may require instruction in several languages simultaneously.

C.5.1.3. XVIII Airborne CORPS: The XVIII Airborne Corps Foreign Language Program instruction is currently taught in the following languages: Arabic, Korean, Persian-Farsi, Russian, and Spanish. The contractor shall provide instructors for all of these languages and potentially for any other languages found on the list of languages in Technical Exhibit No. 1. Mission requirements frequently arise quickly and instructors and materials for languages not currently taught must be organized at short notice. The contractor shall provide instructors capable of teaching second language acquisition on all levels, including beginning, intermediate, and advanced. In addition, instructors shall be adept at working with individuals in a mentoring role as well as with small groups of up to ten students. Instructor support for translations from English to the target language and from the target language to English is required for both technical and non-technical subjects.

C.5.1.4. USARC: The USARC has the following mission languages: Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, Czech, German, Japanese, Korean, Persian-Farsi, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish; however, occasional requirements also exist for a variety of low density languages. The contractor shall provide instructors capable of teaching second language refresher and sustainment training on all levels from the beginning from intermediate to advanced. USARC MI Site Locations are identified at Technical Exhibit No 2.

C.5.1.5. CLASS SIZE: The optimum class size is 10 students for the Refresher/Maintenance classes with an absolute maximum of twelve students. Language class size is ultimately determined by the training needs of military units. Upon approval from the Contracting officer, his duly authorized representative, and/or the CLPM classes may be conducted for one individual in a tutorial or a group up to ten.

C.5.2. PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING. Intensive classes required by military units being deployed to foreign countries may require a specified amount of global and military terminology. Class hours and frequency for Pre-Deployment Training are based upon unit needs. The focus of these classes is on speaking and listening and the attainment of communicative competence at various levels of proficiency depending upon the requirements of the mission. In some cases, the contractor shall employ a prescribed DLI lesson as a framework but may supplement the lessons with authentic materials approved by the COR. In other cases, specific topics related to the military mission will be included. Culture and area studies are frequently part of this training. The length of the training is determined by the user unit in coordination with the COR. Classes are held between the hours of 9730 and 1700 (Local Time). Weekend training may be required by the RC units.

C.5.2.1. TUTORIALS: Tutorials are sometimes required for soldiers with special assignments such as attaché duty or joint exercises or training in foreign countries. This training is provided in lieu of State Department language training and may be of any length. The instructor is required to tailor the tutorial to the level of the student and may be required to teach specialized vocabulary in preparation for a specific
assignment. These specialized vocabulary materials will be provided by the Government. The number of sessions for a tutorial is based upon the unit requirements. One session for preparation will be ordered for every three tutorial sessions.

C.5.2.2. UNIT INSTRUCTION: Instructors are provided at a unit’s request to be available for walk-in students. In this capacity, the instructor will be required to assess students’ needs, maintain student academic records, select appropriate materials, and serve in a mentoring role for student self-paced study. Frequently in this capacity, instructors will be dealing with individuals at various proficiency levels at the same time. The instructor must therefore be adept at facilitating both individual and small group work in a tutorial/mentor capacity.

C.5.2.3. HOMEWORK PROJECT: Instructor sessions may also be required to support the Reserve Component Homework Project, i.e., instructors prepare individually tailored homework assignments that are given to RC soldiers who then mail or fax in their homework for grading.

C.5.2.4. CLASS PREPARATION SESSIONS: During formally scheduled classes of one hour or more, an additional hour will be required for preparation/adaptation of class materials, formal student evaluations, and record keeping of student progress. One hour of preparation is required for up to three hours of formal instruction. The instructors shall perform these duties in the classroom or in the language center or language laboratory. Additional hours may be required for both the preparation and adaptation of materials, preparation of computer assisted instruction lessons, preparation of video lessons, testing and student evaluations or maintenance of student records as necessary in support of special projects for the Command Language Program. All materials prepared/adapted and used for special projects shall, upon approval and acceptance by the Government, become the property of the Government. Class preparation hours are applicable to units ordering instruction by the hour/class rather than units that require a full-time instructor.

C.5.2.5. TRANSLATIONS: Two separate line items are set forth for translations of English documents into a specific foreign language. One is for texts of a general nature and one is for texts of a semi-technical nature. This requirement comes from the military command group or military units needing documents translated for exercises and dealings with foreign militaries or translation of material to support language instruction. Requests from offices such as the Public Affairs Office, the Judge Advocate Office, the Transportation Office, and individual soldiers necessitates providing the service through the contract. No requests from the public sector will fall within the scope of this contract. Contractor shall use the Translation and Interpretation Skills Self-Assessment at Technical Exhibit No. 4 to identify instructors that will be capable of providing this service. All documents to be translated will be unclassified. Source document material is categorized as general, semi-technical, or technical (definitions taken from DLIFLC Reg 1-4) with the majority of projects in the Semi-technical category. Translations for the purposes of this contract will fall into the general and semi-technical categories only. Final products will be completed on a word processor or by other appropriate automated means and submitted to the Government within the time specified in the delivery order.

C.5.2.5.1. GENERAL: Letters and general correspondence that the average lay person can understand that may be translated with normal use of lexicons. Examples are newspaper articles, regulations, letters, diaries, birth certificates, awards, citations, non-technical briefings and welcome letters.

C.5.2.5.2. SEMI-TECHNICAL: Specialized texts and/or texts written at the undergraduate level that may be translated with moderate use of lexicons. This category of material requires equal skill in the two languages being worked, but does not require subject matter knowledge to translate. This category includes translations of idiomatic expressions, the capture of emotions, and the ability to correctly apply euphemisms. Examples are specialized newspaper articles, basic written agreements, common legal documents such as contracts, divorce decrees, rental agreements and wills; interviews, recorded media transcripts, police reports and military briefings and narratives.

C.5.2.5.3. DISCLAIMER: Requests for notarized copies of translations of court related documents will be honored. Instructors performing translation duties under the auspices of this contract are neither certified nor specifically trained to perform such service. As such, the requesting agency will bear full responsibility for the translation accuracy as well as its content. Translation projects will not be requested which would result in the translator having to appear in a court of law as a witness.

C.5.2.6. STANDARDS FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION: The standards outlined below are targets. A contractor performing services hereunder should be able to achieve these targets. Failure to meet the targets may not, by itself, be a cause for taking corrective action, to include default or damages. However, the failure to meet the targets coupled with failure to comply with other terms of the contract, such as
failure to use designated instructional methodology, may be used as a basis for taking corrective action or any remedies the Government may have under this contract. The contractor shall perform all services hereunder to attain measurable achievement by the student.

C.5.2.6.1. The contractor shall perform all instructional services with the goal of attaining measurable improvement on the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). The proficiency level descriptions for each level can be found at Technical Exhibit No 3. It is important to note that the proficiency scales are not linear. As one goes up the scale from 0 to 5, in half increments, progressively more language skill is needed to attain the next level. Relatively little progress in language skill is needed to progress from Level 0 to Level 1, but relatively more change is needed to progress from Level 1 to Level 2, and so on. Improvement within the range of a converted score within a given proficiency level will be considered valid progress. For example, a Level 1+ has a converted score range of 36 to 39.

C.5.2.6.2. In the four week refresher/maintenance class, at least 50% of the linguists entering the class with level 0+ to level 1+ shall achieve a half a proficiency level increase in at least one of the areas tested on the DLPT. If the linguists enter the class with Level 2 and above, the goal shall be to maintain/sustain that level with at least 50% of the linguists showing an improvement in converted score range within that existing proficiency level. The COR shall monitor proficiency level improvement of linguists to determine if the contractor is meeting the targets outlined herein. The Government will provide DLPT scores but not the actual DA Form 330 to instructors as a means of feedback.

C.5.2.6.3. In the sixteen-week Beginning Level classes, at least 50% of the students shall register on the Defense Language Proficiency Test with at least a proficiency Level of 0+ in the Category III and IV languages on a minimum of one of the areas tested, and a Level 1 in Category I and II languages (see Technical Exhibit No 3).

C.5.2.7. TRAVEL. The Government may require that the contractor provide instruction/training at one of the satellite facilities, including remote RC training sites. The contract shall bill the cost of this travel (mileage only) for any such instruction or training if the training is conducted off the military reservation and within reasonable driving distance. A line item is provided for billing mileage. Increased participation of RC units supported by active duty installations may necessitate occasional delivery of services to these satellite sites to support a specific unit. If instructors are required to provide services in another location outside the local area, either CONUS or OCONUS, the instructors will be issues Government Invitational Travel Orders in accordance with the DoD Joint Travel Regulation (JTR). All travel and per diem costs will be the responsibility of the Government.

C.5.3. PERSONNEL. The contractor shall provide the personnel outlined below with the following requirements and qualifications.

C.5.3.1. REGIONAL DIRECTOR: This position is required at I Corps, III Corps, and XVIII Airborne Corps. A professionally qualified person who is designated full-time, 0730-1630 (Local Time), Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, shall serve as the contractor’s coordinator for the language program at I Corps, III Corps, and XVIII Airborne Corps. This individual shall work in close coordination with the COR and/or the Command Language Program Manager. Performance from the Regional Director shall demonstrate proficiency in second language acquisition methodology and teacher training, augmented by acceptable working knowledge of computer-based instruction to include curriculum development and instructional applications. Qualifications shall include a minimum of a Baccalaureate degree and five years of documented work experience or a Master’s degree and three years of documented relevant work experience, and the following:

C.5.3.1.1. Capable of administering a comprehensive foreign language program with duties within the specific corps geographical region that include the recruitment and screening of all foreign language instructors and the arrangement and monitoring of all in-service instructor training.

C.5.3.1.2. The capability to implement an effective Quality Control Plan and ensure the availability of instructor personnel to support the requirements of this contract.

C.5.3.1.3. Be responsible for the day-to-day supervision and evaluation of instructors, coordination of instruction required for RC units located within the specific corps geographical region, on going staff development and shall lend assistance to the instructors with the implementation of the prescribed methodology and the adaptation of authentic texts.

C.5.3.1.4. Perform research and implement the most current second language acquisition texts and teaching materials as required.

C.5.3.2. AUDIO VISUAL LIBRARIAN. The contractor shall provide Audio Visual Librarian services at both XVIII Airborne Corps and I Corps regions. This includes any evening or week-end when the language
facility is open for business. The responsibilities of this individual shall include but not be limited to the following: greeting clients in person or telephonically and providing information of a general nature; assisting soldier clients with the selection and proper usage of appropriate audio-visual and language lab equipment and related printed materials that meet the foreign language objectives for military unit training/study requirements as well as individual goals for foreign language acquisition. This individual shall be responsible for maintenance of statistical information and in collaboration with the Command Language Program Manager (CLPM), prepare reports as required by this contract. The operator shall brief the foreign language instructors on the use of equipment and schedule all use of the language classrooms and other facilities. The Audio Visual Librarian shall maintain an extensive collection of tapes and publications to include intake, maintenance of inventory, shelving and warehousing, and maintenance of forms, reports and logs. The Audio Visual Librarian shall sign for and be responsible for arranging for equipment maintenance through the Training Audiovisual Support Center (TASC). The Audio Visual Librarian shall provide support to the language instructors to include, but not limited to, such administrative functions as xerographic support, typing, duplication of classroom materials as required by the language instructors (audio and video taping), scheduling of classrooms, training aids set up and tear down, arranging for availability of supplies, training aid support, and other tasks of this nature. Audio Visual Librarians shall possess the following minimum qualifications:

C.5.3.2.1. Practical working knowledge of audio-visual equipment, general multi-media equipment, and specific knowledge of language laboratory equipment, satellite communications equipment, laminators, poster makers, transparency makers and tape duplicating equipment in order to effectively meet soldier/unit requirements in support of military language training.

C.5.3.2.2. Possess sufficient knowledge of military language training requirements to assist soldiers in selecting the appropriate language study materials. This includes familiarity with the proficiency level descriptions and the materials available at the language training center and through the catalog published by DLIFLC.

C.5.3.2.3. Possess adequate experience in managing a like-facility to include scheduling of classrooms, controlling inventory, dealing with individuals in person and on the telephone, and supporting language instructors.

C.5.3.2.4. Expertise in word processing and data base management programs for maintaining statistics to prepare required reports and inventory of materials is essential.

C.5.3.2.5. Acceptable knowledge of the Defense Language Institute, Department of the Army, and Installation organizations.

C.5.3.3. AUDIO VISUAL TECHNICIAN. The contractor shall provide Audio Visual Technician services at the III Corps region. The responsibilities of this individual shall include but not be limited to the following: greeting clients in person or telephonically and providing program information of a general nature; assisting soldier clients with the selection and proper usage of appropriate audio-visual and language lab equipment and related printed materials that meet the foreign language objectives for military unit training/study requirements as well as individual goals for foreign language acquisition. The Audio Visual Technician shall maintain an extensive collection of tapes and publications to include intake, maintenance of inventory, shelving, and warehousing. The Audio Visual Technician shall sign for and be responsible for arranging for equipment maintenance through the Training Audiovisual Support Center (TASC). The Audio Visual Technician shall provide support to the language instructors to include, but not limited to, such administrative functions as xerographic support, typing, duplication of classroom materials as required by the language instructors (audio and video taping), training aids set up and tear down, arranging for availability of supplies, training aid support, and other tasks of this nature. Audio Visual Technician shall possess the following minimum qualifications:

C.5.3.3.1. Practical working knowledge of audio-visual equipment, general multi-media equipment, and specific knowledge of language laboratory equipment, satellite communications equipment, laminators, poster makers, transparency markers and tape duplicating equipment in order to effectively meet soldier/unit requirements in support of military language training.

C.5.3.3.2. Expertise in word processing and data base management programs.

C.5.3.3.3. Acceptable knowledge of the Defense Language Institute, Department of the Army, and Installation organizations.

C.5.3.4. INSTRUCTORS. The contractor shall provide instructors for the CLP trained in modern methods of second language acquisition. Each instructor or substitute instructor shall possess the following minimum qualifications including knowledge of subject matter which must be demonstrated by education,
experience and skills. Foreign language instructor's knowledge of subject material must be demonstrated by education, experience and skills as follows:

C.5.3.4.1. Native or near-native fluency or general professional proficiency (a language rating of level 3 or higher) in the specified language. This shall be demonstrated by a telephonic interview with a certified oral proficiency interviewer from the DLIFLC. A language rating of 3 or higher shall be attained from the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). Current DLIFLC Language Skill Level Descriptions for Speaking and Listening as defined in DLIFLC Pam 350-8 are used during this interview. The administration of the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) as per FORSCOM Regulation 350-22, is required and will be scheduled by the contractor. The prospective instructor shall score not less than 3/3 on the subject test material. The contractor may be asked to have potential instructors take other informal written instruments provided by the COR to ensure the 3/3 proficiency. A writing sample in the target language may be requested by the COR, if deemed appropriate.

C.5.3.4.2. Instructors shall have completed formal study of the English Language with sufficient proficiency to demonstrate an understanding of English structure and the ability to express themselves orally and be understood by an English speaker. The contractor shall comply with COR request, if deemed necessary, to administer the English Comprehension Level Test (ECL) to ensure that instructor scores 70 or higher.

C.5.3.4.3. A minimum of one year of teaching experience at the adult level as documented by letters of recommendation, performance appraisals, documented experience in Army Language Programs. Exceptions for extraordinary circumstances (i.e., low-density language requirement) may be granted as deemed appropriate by the Government.

C.5.3.4.4. Successful completion of contractor-provided Pre-Service Instructor Training (as described in Section C.5.3.4.1., INSTRUCTOR PRE-SERVICE TRAINING), proof of successful completion of instructor training conducted by the Command Language Program in conjunction with DLIFLC, or the documented equivalent of the DLIFLC Instructor Certification Course (ICC). This mandatory pre-service training is required prior to any instructor assuming classroom duties.

C.5.3.4.5. Ability to adapt authentic materials using the Interagency Language Roundtable Language Skill Level Descriptions to tailor curricula to meet student needs. This includes translation of English materials into the target language for instructional purposes, and ensuring that materials prepared are at the appropriate level of proficiency. Instructors must also possess experience in lesson planning, preparation of classroom quizzes, writing programs of instruction geared to various skill levels, and development of appropriate homework activities to augment classroom instruction.

C.5.3.4.6. The instructor will have experience in word processing using foreign fonts, familiarity with working in a WINDOWS environment, and expertise in authoring systems such as TOOLBOOK or WinCalis. Instructors will use these systems to create computer assisted instruction lessons in support of their lesson plans or as stand alone lessons for homework. In situations such as certain low density languages which do not have software packages, this requirement may be waived by the COR.

C.5.3.4.7. It is preferred that instructors possess a BA degree or foreign equivalent especially in the specified foreign language, education, linguistics or fields related to second language acquisition (e.g., English as a Second Language methodology). Upon acceptance by the Government, the length and type of past work experience can be considered in part to satisfy the degree requirement.

C.5.3.4.8. Familiarity with military topics in the specified foreign language.

C.5.3.4.9. Experience in the operation and use of a language laboratory, VCR and a computer laboratory as teaching resources.

C.5.3.5. INSTRUCTOR PRE-SERVICE AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING

C.5.3.5.1. INSTRUCTOR PRE-SERVICE TRAINING. The contractor shall provide pre-service training as outlined in their Pre-Service Training Plan at no additional cost to the Government. The methodologies for second language acquisition used in the Command Language Program focus on proficiency. It is essential that instructors providing services in the Pre-Service Training Program have appropriate training. Therefore, the contractor shall submit a proposal for a pre-service instructor training plan that shall include an approximately eighty (80) hour instructor training program designed to qualify instructors in teaching methods of second language acquisition that focus on proficiency. These methods emphasize a “global” experience of the language, exposing students to authentic language in real communicative contexts.

The instructor pre-service training shall be experiential in nature. Elements of the pre-service instructor training program may be waived for RC instructors scheduled to provide less than 280 hours of instruction per annum upon approval from the Government. In order to be considered qualified, each potential
instructor shall be video taped giving a sample lesson using the methods presented in the pre-service training. The instructor shall prepare a written lesson plan for this sample lesson outlining the objectives, media employed and methodologies used. In addition, the instructors shall be given a written objective test designed by the contractor to assess acquisition of pre-service training content. This evaluation instrument shall be part of the Pre-Service Training Program. The video tapes, lesson plan, and written test shall be available for review by the Government. The goal of the training shall be to produce highly creative, flexible instructors that can draw upon and adapt many new theories of second language acquisition as designated below in order to meet the needs of Army linguists. Based upon successes achieved in the Command Language Programs in FORSCOM units the Command Language Program requires instructors that are knowledgeable and able to employ the theories of second language acquisition. With these theories as a foundation, the Contractor shall ensure that pre-service instructor training includes the following:

C.5.3.5.2. Instructors shall be totally familiar with the Interagency Language Roundtable Language Skill Level Descriptions for language proficiency in the skills of reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. These same descriptions are also available from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). As a training task in the Pre-Service Training, the instructors shall be given passages at various levels and be able to accurately rate the level of the passage.

C.5.3.5.3. Instructors shall be familiar with various adaptations in order to be able to use elements of these theories in the language classroom.

C.5.3.5.4. Instructors shall be introduced to the Total Physical Response theory of James Asher and be able to employ his techniques in the foreign language classroom (See Technical Exhibit No 6 for Bibliography References).

C.5.3.5.5. Instructors shall be introduced to Krashen and Terrell’s Natural Approach (See Technical Exhibit No 6 for Bibliography References).

C.5.3.5.6. The use of video, role playing, skits, games, and props are very effective techniques in current theories of second language acquisition. Instructors shall be provided with the rationale for the use of these techniques, be given a variety of samples in order to develop a useful repertoire, and demonstrate in their training the ability to use these techniques effectively.

C.5.3.5.7. Instructors shall be introduced to instructional techniques for the creative use of a language laboratory. This is vital for listening comprehension practice.

C.5.3.5.8. The contractor shall arrange for Pre-Service Instructor Training to ensure an adequate pool of trained instructors. The contractor shall make the pre-service training program available to the Government for review. The contractor shall allow Government representatives to observe the operation of the pre-service training program at any time. The contractor shall notify the Government 30 days in advance of a scheduled Pre-Service Instructor Training.

C.5.3.5.9. DLI Instructor Certification Course (ICC). Another option for ensuring that this specialized pre-service training is accomplished is for the contractor to fund participation of instructors in the DLIIFLC tow-week ICC. Costs will include travel and per diem for two weeks in Monterey, California. The DLIIFLC conducts this workshop in conjunction with FORSCOM on a mobile training team (MTT) basis when time and funding resources permit.

C.5.3.6. Instructor In-Service Training. The Government shall provide in-service training for language instructors to cover advances in DLIIFLC methodology as well as the most up-to-date methodologies for second language acquisition. In addition, in-service workshops may be conducted by the Government to orient instructors to advances in DLIIFLC/Army methodologies for second language acquisition. Any materials developed during this training shall become the property of the Government. The Government shall allow contractor representatives to observe operation of in-service training at any time. The Government will bear any costs associated with travel, per diem, tuition, required study materials, etc., which are required as part of the in-service training program via invitational travel orders. It is anticipated that each instructor will participate in approximately 40 hours of annual in-service training.

C.5.4. REPORTS, RECORD KEEPING AND INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES.

C.5.4.1. The contractor shall provide the COR a report of student enrollment, attendance, completion certificates (blank certificates are provided by the Government), and any problems encountered, within one week following the end of each course for all courses conducted. Samples of blank forms provided by the Government and referred to in paragraphs C.1.5.2. through C.1.5.6. are found in Technical Exhibit No 7.
C.5.4.2. The contractor shall obtain student questionnaire/critiques completed from soldiers enrolled in courses under this contract. Forms will be provided by the CLPM. The forms shall be provided to the CLPM within one week following the end of each course. These forms shall remain the property of the CLPM.

C.5.4.3. Instructors shall provide lesson plans outlining daily classroom activities to the CLPM on a weekly basis for AC units and monthly basis for RC units. The CLPM will provide the lesson plan format.

C.5.4.4. The contractor shall provide a copy of all instructor developed handouts and quizzes used in the classroom to the CLPM. These documents shall be kept on file at the unit language training center. All instructor developed handouts and quizzes shall become the property of the Government upon use under the contract.

C.5.4.5. The contractor shall maintain a file on all students during a formal class with the following periodic reports: student tracking record form; academic progress report to be completed by the instructor every two weeks for AC units and monthly for RC units; end of course report; and counseling reports (narrative in nature, not a form), as needed. This file shall be immediately available for review by the CLPM or the unit language manager. Such files shall be maintained until the end of the class period and shall be archived by the CLPM at the language training center.

C.5.4.6. The contractor shall document all pre-service and in-service training in the employee’s record to include date received, and hours completed. Employee files may be reviewed by the COR/CLPM at any time.

C.5.4.7. Once session dates for a class have been established and an instructor has been assigned to the class, the contractor shall insure that the same instructor completes the class. Exceptions shall be made only as coordinated through the COR and approved by the Contracting Officer.

C.5.4.8. The instructor shall maintain the classroom in an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. He/she shall immediately report to the CLPM any student behavior detrimental to instruction. The instructor shall not discipline students. Behavioral problems in the classroom will be dealt with by the military class leader, the Unit Language Officer/CLPM, or other Government representatives as appropriate.

C.5.4.9. In the even that postponement, interruption or cancellation of scheduled instruction becomes necessary due to military requirements or lack of funds, no cost to the Government will result. While this is not a frequent occurrence and usually involves only one day of training, the Government will give at least one day of notice in the event that a change in the schedule must take place.

C.5.4.10. In the event of inclement weather conditions that cause the Commanding general or the responsible RC commander to cancel all Post services or RC training, the following shall become effective:

C.5.4.11. If contractor’s employee has already started regular work hours, and the Post or RC training site is closed, the contractor may bill the Government for services rendered.

C.5.4.12. If the contractor’s employee has not started regular work hours and the Post or Reserve Component training site is closed, the contractor may not bill the Government for that day’s services.

C.5. CONTRACTOR ORIENTATION OF INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF. The contractor shall provide for the initial orientation of each staff member to the military environment, the overall relationship of the contractor to the mission and responsibilities of the supported military unit, as appropriate, scope and objectives of the contracted programs, the requirements of the contract, and the individual’s role and responsibilities in delivery of services. The contractor, in coordination with the CLPM, shall establish an orientation program for language instructors. A checklist shall be developed with the components of the orientation program and become a permanent part of the individual’s personnel record. The orientation program shall consist of the following:

C.5.1. A formal orientation briefing including elements in this PWS and a copy of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the language facility shall be given to each instructor and staff member.

C.5.2. An explanation of the inventory procedures and responsibilities of the contractors for property accountability.

C.5.3. The orientation of instructors shall include a minimum of three hours (3) of pre-service training spent familiarizing AC instructors with the equipment and materials available at the language training center; orientation for RC instructors will be as deemed appropriate by the Government.

C.5.4. The contractor shall provide an orientation plan to include, but not limited to, the specifications above not later than thirty (30) days after contract award.
C.5.6. In no case shall instructional personnel be permitted to assume classroom duties without having first received a formal pre-service orientation.

C.6. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS. The following are Government publications applicable to this contract. They are coded as mandatory or advisory. Applicable provisions of the documents identified as “mandatory” shall be adhered to. Those documents identified as advisory provide information useful in contract performance. Changes to either class of document issued following contract award shall have the same status as the basic document at the time of contract award. The contractor shall comply with all changes to mandatory documents as they are issued. The contractor shall become familiar with all changes to advisory documents as they are issued. Significant changes in performance requirements resulting from changes to mandatory documents will be handled pursuant to the Changes Clause. The Government will provide access to the publications cited in this section during the preparation of the proposals if requested.


C.6.2. Army Regulation 600-50, 1 Feb 93, Standards of Conduct. (Mandatory)

C.6.3. Army Regulation 611-6, 16 Feb 96, Army Linguist Management. (Mandatory)

C.6.4. Army Regulation 735.5, Accounting for Lost, Damaged and Destroyed Property, 31 Jan 92. (Mandatory)

C.6.5. Defense Language Institute Foreign Language center Pamphlet 350-5, General Catalog, January 95. (Mandatory)

C.6.6. FORSCOM Regulation 350-22, FORSCOM Command Language Program, 15 Sep 87. (Mandatory)

C.6.7. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Unit Command Language Programs. (Mandatory)

C.6.8. DLIFLC Pamphlet 351-1, Evaluation Guidelines for DoD Command Language Programs. (Advisory)


C.6.10. DLIFLC Reg 1-4, Administration of Translator/Interpreter Services, July 1993. (Advisory)

C.6.11. USARC Regulation 350-2, Intelligence Training in Army Reserve Units. (TBP)