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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Call for Candidates for the Defense Comptrollership Program Cohort 2026, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, 7 May 2025 – 24 July 2026

1. The Headquarters Department of the Army and Assistant Secretary of the Army – Financial Management and Comptroller encourage ALL professionals in grades GS-11 through GS-14 to apply for the Defense Comptrollership Program (DCP) Cohort 2026. As the workforce modernizes through up-skilling and reskilling, professional education such as that provided by the DCP, will be key to your career success and continued development. Applications for this highly selective program are being accepted now through 28 October 2024.

2. The DCP is a 60-hour dual degree producing resident graduate program. The curriculum combines business and public administration theories during a rigorous 14-month schedule that begins during the university's summer session and culminates at the end of the summer session the following year. Participants will gain practical and analytical competencies, increased conceptual perspectives, and the management skills necessary to excel at all levels within the Defense Comptrollership and Financial Management career field. Upon completion, graduates will be awarded a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Business Analytics, an Executive Master of Public Administration, and one industry recognized professional credential.

3. Applicants must meet the following criteria no later than the application suspense date of 28 OCT 2024:

- a. A minimum of five years government service, of which three years must be financial management experience (Graduate Fellows (interns) that meet the twoyear fellowship requirement and have three years journeyman-level experience are also eligible to apply).
- b. Proof of a minimum GMAT score of 500 (or GRE composite equivalent score of 304) dated no later than the application deadline <u>OR</u> submission of a GMAT/GRE waiver. Applicants are eligible for the GMAT/GRE waiver if they display a minimum of one of the following qualifications:

- (1) One of the following professional certifications: Certified Public Accountant, Chartered Financial Analyst, Professional Engineer.
- (2) A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and the successful completion of a bachelor's degree in either Engineering, Mathematics, Business Administration, Finance, Economics, or Accounting.

4. Applicants without a master's degree will be prioritized for selection. Applicants having already earned a master's degree in another discipline are also encouraged to apply and will receive consideration on a case-by-case basis. Upon notification by the Army of selection to the DCP, applicants must also apply to Syracuse University.

5. The Long-Term Training (LTT) assignment to the DCP is temporary duty at the 100% per diem rate. The LTT begins 7 MAY 25 and concludes 24 JUL 26. For more information, e-mail the ASA FM&C inbox: <u>usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-fm.mbx.safm-wdt@army.mil</u>.

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- 1. Application, Selection, and Reassignment Procedures
- 2. The Privacy Act Statement
- 3. Criteria for Nomination
- 4. Eligibility Requirements
- 5. Civilian Application Packet Instructions

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