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Lorna Tedder was a DoD Contracting Officer for 3 decades, a Rapid Acquisition consultant working with startups and innovation hubs for a year, and is now a MITRE Corporation Subject Matter Expert writing guidance and concocting creative acquisition strategies. During her last 6 years with the Air Force, she ran the Rapid Acquisition Cell, focusing primarily on rapid prototyping, streamlined production, and quick reaction capabilities.

Her specialties include Intellectual Property/data rights, Other Transaction authority, creative contracting solutions, oral proposals, Procurement for Experimental Purposes, mentorship, and relationship building. She writes about Acquisition at MITRE's Acquisition in the Digital Age (AiDA) website, specifically on changing the culture, accelerating the contracting process, and demystifying DoD Acquisition for small businesses and start-ups.

She is also a multi-published author, writing primarily urban fantasy novels and non-fiction guides unrelated to Acquisition. As an author, she fights real-life pirates every day to protect her intellectual property.