Defense Acquisition University Honored

Congratulations to the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) for receiving Honorable Mention at the first annual Corporate University Awards ceremony held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on April 27, 1999.

The New York City-based Corporate University Xchange ran the awards with sponsorship by the Financial Times of London.

DAU competed against almost 100 entries. The five primary winners included Dell University and IBM Global Services.

With around 146,000 members in the acquisition workforce, DAU serves one of the largest populations of any corporate university.

The awards are the beginning of an effort to define standards for the more than 1,600 corporate universities in the U. S.

DAU has distinguished itself as a leader in distance learning with programs up and running now with more than 3,500 students online around the clock and an equal number who have graduated from the online courses.

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The Financial Times notes that "online education makes it easier and cheaper for companies to provide training for all their employees."

DAU's purpose is to improve the quality of DoD education resources to "provide effective and efficient acquisition education, training, research, and associated academic activities as an integral part of acquisition support" to the Department.

In addition to classroom and online courses, DAU also delivers courses by satellite and video-teleconference and plans to add more technology-based courses in 2000.

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"We intend to continue as a forward thinking, pro-active corporate university providing a continuum of educational opportunities for the Defense acquisition workforce."

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