



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

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**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY  
AND  
AACE INTERNATIONAL**

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) and the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering (AACE International) share a mutual commitment to excellence in learning and strategic collaboration for the best training that builds on the expertise of both communities in terms of estimating, cost engineering, scheduling, and earned value management -- collectively known as "project controls" -- within the Department of Defense and industry. This Cooperative Agreement formalizes an ongoing relationship with the objective of continuing to support each other's efforts to leverage the best practices of both government and the contracting community in terms of first-class training and education.

This Cooperative Agreement establishes the framework for DAU and AACE International to pursue educational opportunities that are mutually beneficial. DAU and AACE International will each appoint a "sponsor" to explore these opportunities and propose the specific details on what each party will pursue and how the details associated with each area should be handled. The opportunities identified for partnering include, but are not limited to:

DAU will:

1. In addition to the sponsor mentioned above, identify an individual to serve as "government liaison" to AACE's Certification Board, with the goal of contributing to the ongoing maintenance and continuous improvement of AACE's professional certifications, which currently include the Certified Cost Engineer/Consultant, the Certified Estimating Professional, the Certified Forensic Claims Consultant, the Earned Value Professional, and the Planning and Scheduling Professional.
2. Where applicable and to the maximum extent possible/allowable, promote the value of AACE certification to DAU management, students, faculty, associates, and other strategic partners.
3. Participate in AACE-sponsored workshops, committees, working groups, panels, and boards designed, among other areas, to identify project controls-related trends; future training needs; and methods of recruiting and retaining project controls professionals both within the government and industry.

4. Coordinate for the provision of presenters/instructors at the AACE Annual Meeting and other regional/section events, based on DAU's determination that an identifiable government purpose is served by such involvement.
5. Provide up to two complimentary registrations for AACE board members to attend DAU's annual Acquisition Community Symposium.
6. Accommodate AACE members in DAU courses on a space-available basis, provided the standard registration procedures are followed within the required time frame(s).
7. Recognize/publicize, in printed and electronic/internet publications, the Cooperative Agreement. Agree to use each other's publication media to exchange information regarding project controls (e.g., publishing an article in AACE's Cost Engineering Journal).

AACE will:

1. In addition to the sponsor mentioned above, identify an individual to serve as an industry "subject matter expert" to DAU, with the goal of contributing to the ongoing maintenance and continuous improvement of DAU courses that are directly related to/aligned with AACE's professional certifications.
2. Where applicable and to the maximum extent possible/allowable, promote the value of DAU training courses to AACE membership and other strategic partners.
3. Participate in DAU-sponsored workshops, committees, working groups, panels, and boards designed, among other areas, to identify project controls-related trends; future training needs; and methods of recruiting and retaining project controls professionals both within the government and industry.
4. Coordinate for the provision of guest lecturers in support of DAU courses that are directly related to/aligned with AACE's professional certifications.
5. Provide up to two complimentary registrations for senior DAU representatives to attend the AACE Annual Meeting and provide member rates for DAU attendees.
6. Offer the member rate (for both registration and training materials) to DAU instructors interested in obtaining one of the AACE's professional certifications.
7. Recognize/publicize, in printed and electronic/internet publications, the Cooperative Agreement, and agree to use each other's publication media to exchange information regarding project controls.

AACE International or DAU may use the other party's name or logo in published materials (e.g., website and publications) specifically only to reference this agreement or contact information and hyperlinks to the other party. Any and all marketing, promotional, or publications materials developed pursuant to this agreement prepared or developed by one party must be reviewed and approved in writing by the other party prior to use of any such materials. Neither party shall use the name or marks of the other party in connection with any product, service, promotion, news release, or other publicity, without the prior written consent of the party whose name or likeness may be under consideration.

As this strategic partnership evolves and specific opportunities for additional partnering and collaboration are identified on our programs, this Cooperative Agreement will be updated with addenda that will reflect bilateral or multilateral agreements as appropriate.

No agreements concerning the transfer or exchange of any asset of either party is intended or implied by this agreement. AACE International and DAU are separate and independent institutions and by this agreement both will continue to operate as separate institutions. Each organization contributes resources voluntarily with all costs absorbed by the participating organization, and neither party will have liability to the other for matters related to this agreement. The administrators of AACE International and DAU are authorized to sign, prepare, and implement plans of actions and procedures necessary to effect this agreement.

On an annual basis, the designated sponsors will meet to review the benefits and results of this Cooperative Agreement as well as efforts and resources expended by each party. Each party agrees to bear its own cost of participation in the Cooperative Agreement.

This agreement shall extend through December 31, 2011, and may be extended by mutual agreement of both parties. Each party participates in this agreement voluntarily and may terminate their involvement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

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