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President's Message



The Year Ahead in Acquisition Training

In FY11 DAU provided high-quality training to over 200,000 students: 56,818 classroom course graduates and 146,152 online course graduates.

In FY12 we are committed to delivering required training courses to an even greater number of students, while updating our courses, providing rapid deployment training on

the Better Buying Power Initiatives, and conducting mission assistance engagements with major defense acquisition systems.

In addition, we are also committed to improving our on-line course learning management system and fielding a student information system to enhance our students' learning experience.

I look forward to working with you in FY12 to effectively develop the professionalism of the Defense Acquisition Workforce.

Better Buying Power Update

Should-Cost Templates



On December 12, 2011, Dr. Nancy Spruill, Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis & DAB Executive Secretary provided [Should-Cost Templates](#) to guide PMs of ACAT I programs in preparing their presentations to the Milestone Decision Authority at decision meetings and execution reviews (MS B and later).

PMs for ACAT II and III programs also are encouraged to use the templates as guidance.

Contracting professionals working on ACAT programs need to be familiar with these templates to assist with the preparation of the should-cost information for the presentations.

The guidance is effective immediately.
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Learning Assets

On-The-Job Training Tool

The On-The-Job Training (OJT) Tool identifies sample tasks for each of the 28 competencies and ten professional elements in the Contracting career field and can be used to track OJT for all members of the contracting workforce.

Supervisors can edit the tool to indicate which tasks are applicable and required to be performed. The OJT tool helps ensure the quality of the contracting acquisition workforce by directly linking demonstrated proficiency in the various competency areas to appropriate experience levels.

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IPS Element Guidebook



The comprehensive [Integrated Product Support \(IPS\) Element Guidebook](#) was developed by DAU to complement and reinforce content contained in the recently issued [Product Support Manager \(PSM\) Guidebook](#).

This guidebook picks up where the Product Support Manager Guidebook Appendix A left off in describing the 12 new IPS Elements [an extension of the traditional 10 Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) elements] in order to accommodate the expanded, enterprise-level role of the Product Support Manager.

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Continuous Learning Modules: Introductions and Updates

DAU currently offers 284 Continuous Learning modules available for registration via the Training Application Systems.

In recent months, some offerings have undergone updates, some are no longer offered and several new offerings have been introduced. Keep track of these updates via the Continuous Learning Center [blog](#) and [website](#).
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