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## President's Message



### Preparing for the Next Decade of Defense Acquisition

Last month, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta announced a fundamental review of Department of Defense strategy and spending priorities to meet the congressionally required \$487 billion budget reduction over the next decade.

For the defense acquisition workforce, this surely will redouble an already-increased focus on value and efficiency. Secretary Panetta, in his statement on the FY13 budget, stated that such oversight "...will involve areas such as more aggressive and competitive contracting practices, better use of information technology, streamlining of staff, reductions in contract services, and better inventory management."

I urge you to review the "Defense Budget Priorities and Choices" document linked below. Know that DAU, through the learning assets, training, and support we provide to you, the Defense Acquisition Workforce, will work to ensure you possess the tools for efficient, leading-edge job performance. [Learn more.](#)

## Better Buying Power Update

### New Resources and Learning Modules Available



Better Buying Power Gateway and Better Buying Power Public Site users now may access links to these resources:

- The [Naval Open Architecture & DoD Open Systems Architecture community](#) is a discussion forum on the latest Open System Architecture and Technical Data

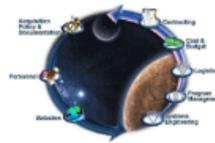
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- The [Performance Assessments and Root Cause Analyses \(PARCA\) Extranet site](#) (Common Access Card required), provides analyses and supporting reports on causes of cost growth in defense acquisition programs.

Additionally, Better Buying Power [training modules](#) now are available on the on the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC). [Learn More.](#)

## Learning Assets

### Space Acquisition Learning Assets



DAU has developed learning assets tailored for the space acquirer.

A Space Variant of ACQ-201B is available for space acquirers (sections #551-#558 for FY12). For more information, click [here](#) to send an email to DAU about this course.

Additionally, the Space Acquisition Community of Practice (CoP) provides helpful links to policy, guidance, reports, space news, and other references continually updated by SMEs. [Learn more.](#)

### Contract Property Toolkit Launched

The Contract Property Toolkit depicts the Contract Life Cycle Tasks for the Industrial Property Management Specialist (IMPS).

It provides pre-award assistance to the program manager, contracting officer, and production supply manager to assist with construction of a business case, solicitation, and source selection support.

Other features include: post-award support for conducting property administration, performance audits, interim disposal actions, and partial termination support.

Also included is guidance on closing the account upon contract completion. [Learn more.](#)

### Life Cycle Logistics and Product Support Manager (PSM) Professional Development Opportunities

On his blog, DAU Logistics and Sustainment Center Director Bill Kobren has compiled a list of professional development opportunities of potential interest to the life cycle logistics and product support manager (PSM) community. [Learn more.](#)

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