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## President's Message



### Services Acquisition Training Opportunity

Changing our business practices to improve tradecraft in services acquisition is a high priority for the Department of Defense. With this urgent need in mind, DAU has focused its annual Acquisition Community Symposium on "back to basics" training in services acquisition.

This symposium will be held on April 10, 2012 at its Fort Belvoir Campus. The symposium offers six training sessions on key areas of services acquisition.

Additional symposium offerings include expert teaching sessions, an industry panel on needed changes in services acquisition, and more.

I invite you to join keynote speaker Honorable Frank Kendall, Acting USD (AT&L) (invited), myself, and many others at this important training event presented by the DAU Alumni Association.

[Learn more.](#)

## Better Buying Power Update

### Updated Initiatives Training Modules

DAU is pleased to announce the deployment of updated training modules on our Better Buying Power websites.

This [training site](#) provides access to a range of learning materials designed to assist you in achieving these objectives, while further clarifying the intent and outcomes of the initiatives, as outlined in the USD(AT&L) Sept. 14, 2010 [memo](#) to the DoD acquisition workforce.

The Initiatives Training Modules website is accessible via the [Better Buying Power Gateway](#) and the [Better Buying Power Public Site](#).

### Contract Pricing Reference Guides Now Available to Download



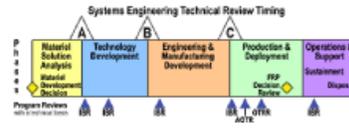
The Contract Pricing Reference Guides (CPRG) now are available to download in either PDF or Word format.

While the documents are loaded to each individual volume page, a summary of all the links is available by clicking the link below. Scroll to the bottom of the page for links to the entire collection of Volumes 1-5 in a compressed (.zip) format, in both PDF and Word.

[Learn More.](#)

## Learning Assets

### Technical Review Slide Rule



Technical reviews and audits assist program office management teams in documenting technical requirements, synthesizing certifiable designs, assessing performance and systems safety risk, as well as the production and deployment of systems to achieve required capability.

In collaboration with the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering, DAU has launched the Web-based Technical Review Slide Rule. This new learning asset is intended to be a valuable reference for not only the technical community, but for the entire defense acquisition workforce.

[Learn more.](#)

### Logistics Resources and Tools



A completely revamped [Resources & Tools site](#) now is available on the Life Cycle Logistics Community of Practice ([LOG CoP](#)). In addition to newly added references, existing content has been restructured and reorganized under 13 focused topic areas.

To enhance navigation, the updated LOG CoP "Resources & Tools" site homepage has a new shortcut link (<https://acc.dau.mil/logtools>) and offers users an easy-to-use hyperlinked graphical interface.

[Learn more.](#)

### CON 090 Graduates Eligible to Sit for CFCM Exam



In recognition of the comprehensive training gained by DAU students through completion of CON 090 Fundamentals of Contracting, the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will allow

graduates of CON 090 to sit for the Certified Federal Contracts Manager (CFCM) exam.

Graduates must apply for the certification through NCMA and pay associated fees. Applicants who pass the exam and meet the one-year experience requirement immediately will be awarded CFCM certification.

Successful applicants with less than one year of experience will receive their certification from NCMA upon satisfying the experience requirement. DoD employees should indicate graduation from CON 090 on their application and provide a copy of their course completion certificate.

[Learn more.](#)

Acquisition Community Symposium  
**April 10, 2012**  
Fort Belvoir, VA

**Understanding the Nuts & Bolts of Acquiring Services**  
**Click to Register!**

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**Expert Teaching Sessions!**  
**Industry Panels!**  
**And More!**