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## President's Message



### Changes in Earned Value Management Training

In a recent organizational change, DAU moved its Earned Value Management (EVM) courses from the Business curriculum center to the Acquisition curriculum center.

This move recognizes the importance of EVM as a key tool for the program office cross-disciplinary team. While EVM training will expand in other career fields, the earned value management courses remain as core training for the financial management and cost estimating career fields.

[Learn more.](#)

## Better Buying Power Update

### Acquisition Implications of the FY13 Budget



In a recent speech, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (AT&L), Frank Kendall discussed his priorities in relation to the recently released defense strategy and FY13 budget. Mr. Kendall identified his highest priority program as the government workforce.

"If we're going to be successful, we're going to have to change. We have to change how we think about the money, how we value it, how we spend it and how we do our business," he said. "The change has to be real. It can't be superficial... we've got to change what we actually do. It takes a lot of work. It takes tenacity."

Read the complete speech by clicking the link below.

[Learn More.](#)

### Questions about Better Buying Power? Get Answers.



If you have a question about the Better Buying Power initiative, consider posting it to the Better Buying Power section of the Ask-A-Professor forum.

Recent topics include: Weighted Guidelines Review, Service Savings, and Product Support Business Case Analysis.

[Learn More.](#)

## Learning Assets

### MyDAP Has Arrived



MyDAP is a new companion site to the Defense Acquisition Portal (DAP), which allows acquisition workforce members to personalize and filter existing DAP content based on preferred functional area(s).

After creating a user profile, MyDAP tailors and creates a personalized site by pulling appropriate news and features from the DAP based on identified profile characteristics and user-chosen RSS feeds.

Please review this [introductory brief](#) for additional guidance. [Learn more.](#)

### Depot Maintenance Learning Assets



Maintenance planning and management is one of [12 Integrated Product Support \(IPS\) Elements](#), and weapon system product support is directly linked to DoD life cycle management.

The integrated nature of successful DoD logistics and materiel readiness execution demands that members of workforce communities such as program management, logistics & sustainment, systems engineering and production, and quality & manufacturing (among others) understand the basics of depot maintenance and modification planning, management, and workload allocation decision-making.

DAU has made a number of Web- and classroom-based depot maintenance-focused learning assets readily available for your professional development. [Learn more.](#)

### Share Your Acquisition Experiences in Defense AT&L



Your acquisition-related experiences, ideas, or reflections could be helpful to your DAWIA colleagues — in the pages of [Defense AT&L](#) magazine, a bimonthly publication from DAU Press, Defense Acquisition University.

The full array of acquisition and logistics is available for discussion and specific, real-world examples are crucial. Articles are limited to 2,500 words. [Learn more.](#)



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