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President's Message

DAU Establishes College of Contract Management



In October 2011, DAU and the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) signed a memorandum of agreement establishing the College of Contract Management (CCM).

As a DAU branch campus, the CCM will support DCMA personnel with formal training on contract management competencies and contract management content will be incorporated into existing DAU curricula in other acquisition

career fields.

The CCM will be collocated with DCMA headquarters at Fort Lee, Virginia, but most CCM courses will be delivered online or at customer sites.

Dr. Kurt Stonerock, Dean of the College of Contract Management, is overseeing the many facets of curriculum development and delivery and we anticipate initial course offerings to be available in the second quarter of FY13.

For more information in the coming months, visit <http://icatalog.dau.mil/>.

Better Buying Power Update

DoD Management of Unobligated Funds



A new [memo](#) from Frank Kendall, USD(AT&L) and Robert F. Hale, USD(C) addresses the management of unobligated funds within the DoD.

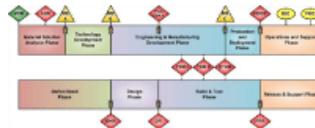
In keeping with the acquisition community focus on Better Buying Power, DoD seeks to manage funds in a manner that maximizes value to both the Department and the taxpayer. This memo explains the need for effective acquisition practices and sufficient resource distribution for DoD priorities while acknowledging the risks of obligation benchmarks.

The guidance sets forth six tenets suggested for adoption by all levels of the chain of command, as well as acquisition and financial managers throughout DoD.

[Learn more.](#)

Learning Assets

BES Directorate Launches Systems Engineering Process Website



The Business and Enterprise Systems (BES) Directorate launched the Systems Engineering Process (SEP) community website. The site is a role-based technical asset with managerial frameworks for applying methods, tools, and people to the acquisition, development, and sustainment

of Information Technology / Defense Business System (DBS) programs and projects.

The SEP site includes step-by-step procedural guidance at the global, phase, and work product levels and can be tailored to accommodate the unique characteristics of individual programs. This resource provides process flow diagrams, guides, forms, templates, procedures, reference materials, and checklists to assist program teams in every step of acquisition lifecycle management.

[Learn more.](#)

New Life Cycle Logistics Continuous Learning Modules Available

DAU has added three new life cycle logistics learning assets developed in response to workforce professional development imperatives identified in the [DoD Weapon System Acquisition Reform: Product Support Assessment](#). These assets have deployed and are open for student registration.

They include: CLL037 DOD Supply Chain Fundamentals, CLL041 Life Cycle Cost (LCC) Analysis Tools, and CLL062 Counterfeit Prevention Awareness.

[Learn more.](#)

Systems Engineering Body of Knowledge Guide Launches



Targeted to a broad audience, including practicing systems engineers, researchers, process improvement leads, project managers, and faculty, the guide to the Systems Engineering Body of Knowledge (SEBoK), contains articles on key topics, a comprehensive glossary, and more than

200 primary references.

The document is presented in a wiki format for ease of updating and community participation in its maintenance.

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