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President's Message



Welcome to the first edition of the DAU e-newsletter, a monthly publication highlighting the latest updates on learning assets, policies, news, and initiatives of interest to the defense acquisition workforce.

New Responsibilities

Effective October 14, at the request of the Acting USD(AT&L), I am performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition. I will continue in my capacity as president of DAU, spending half my time in each role.

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Celebrating 40 Years of Developing Acquisition Professionals

This year, DAU honors 40 years of support for our nation's Warfighters. To commemorate the history of the acquisition workforce, we have created a [website](#) examining the past, present, and future of acquisition training.

Please take a moment to visit the site and take part in the celebration of which your efforts play such an important role.

[Learn more.](#)

Better Buying Power Update



Initial Guidance from Kendall Maintains Better Buying Power Focus

With the appointment of The Honorable Ashton B. Carter to the position of Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Frank Kendall begins a period of service as Acting USD(AT&L).

In his initial guidance memo, Mr. Kendall outlined six specific priorities for AT&L — one of which is his commitment to the Better Buying Power initiative, which he promised to refine and continue to build upon. "We will continue the never-ending quest to control and reduce our costs while acquiring products and services that provide the highest possible value to our Warfighters," he wrote.

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Your Better Buying Power Questions Answered

If you have a question about the Better Buying Power initiative not covered in the [Better Buying Power Gateway](#), consider posting it to the Better Buying Power section of the Ask-A-Professor forum. Check back regularly for updates and to read others' questions.

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Learning Assets

New LOG 340 Life Cycle Product Support Certification Course



The new LOG 340 Life Cycle Product Support course is designed to help prepare DoD Life Cycle Logisticians to perform in a senior-level life cycle logistics role over the life cycle of a system as a product support manager (PSM) with emphasis on developing and implementing a life cycle product support strategy.

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IND 105 Student Pilot

The student pilot of IND 105 is currently underway at the DAU Midwest campus. Contract Property Fundamentals is a revised Level I Industrial Property course that incorporates recently revised regulatory guidance to improve the accountability, visibility, and return on investment in Property used to meet acquisition objectives.

Over the 9-day course, several exercises simulate activities that a Property Specialist GS1103 (Property Administrator or Plant Clearance Officer) perform. A Government Property Community of Practice Toolkit supports coursework. The next offering of IND 105 in February 2012 will reflect the comments from this student pilot this month.

Product Support Policy, Guidance & Tools Site

The new [Product Support Policy, Guidance & Tools repository](#) on the DAU Logistics Community of Practice (LOG CoP) is designed to provide the defense acquisition workforce a single "one-stop" shop for product support-related policy, tools, and guidance.

The site also serves as the repository for new Product Support Assessment guidance, including both downloadable PDF and hyperlinked web-based versions of a range of new products including the Product Support Manager (PSM), Business Case Analysis (BCA), and Logistics Assessment (LA) Guidebooks.

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Stay Current with Contracting Acquipedia

Are you confused by the way the FAR or DFARS covers a Contracting topic and would like another source that is more user-friendly? The [Contracting section of Acquipedia](#) provides a convenient and easy way to learn about one or more Contracting topics.

Each article is updated annually to reflect changes in applicable regulations, thresholds, and web links. If you have an idea for a topic that is not currently covered, please [let us know](#) and we'll consider adding it!

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