



# DAU E-newsletter

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## President's Message



### Fighting Taxpayer Waste in Acquisition

A few weeks ago, I appeared before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform as part of the hearing: "The Frontlines of the Acquisition Workforce's Battle Against Taxpayer Waste".

My testimony detailed the importance of a fully qualified acquisition workforce, especially in an austere financial environment, and also served as an opportunity to inform Congress of existing and emergent workforce development initiatives at DAU.

Our goal is to have a workforce that is fully certified to today's standards and also fully qualified to effectively perform their duties as acquisition professionals.

I invite you to read my testimony as well as the statements of the other panel members on this important topic by clicking the link below.  
[Learn more.](#)

## Better Buying Power Update

### New Better Buying Power Initiative Videos



Implementing Better Buying Power initiatives is not a simple undertaking.

In this series of videos, these initiatives are broken down into five major thrust areas and explained beyond Dr. Ashton Carter's Sept. 14, 2010 memo in order to shed some light on the intent of this effort for members of the Defense

Acquisition Workforce.

[Learn More.](#)

### Cost Management and Control in DoD Acquisition Programs



On November 1, Mr. Ronald Pontius, Director for Command and Control Programs and Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (OASD(NII)), addressed attendees of the 2011 PEO/SYSCOM conference as part of an OIPT Panel on Identifying and Implementing Cost Management and Control in DoD Acquisition Programs.

The slides from Mr. Pontius' presentation on an Information Technology Acquisition Perspective are available on the PEO/SYSCOM conference website.

[Learn more.](#)

## Learning Assets

### Automated Requirements Roadmap Tool



The DAU Service Acquisition Mall (SAM) Automatic Requirements Roadmap Tool (ARRT) is a software tool used to write performance-based requirements following the Requirements Roadmap process.

Using ARRT, you can create a Performance Work Statement (PWS) and Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) with user guidance throughout the tool.

[Learn more.](#)

### New Performance Tools Launched

DAU's Logistics department has partnered with ODASD(MR) to release three Product Support guidebook PLTs with helpful links to policy, the Defense Acquisition Guidebook, and other references continually updated by OSD staff SMEs.

[Product Support Manager Guidebook](#) develops the Product Support Business Model and supports Better Buying Power (and also supersedes the "PBL Guide").

[Business Case Analysis Guidebook](#) introduces, codifies, and clarifies standard BCA procedure to support life cycle product support decisions.

[Logistics Assessment Guidebook](#) provides a framework for conducting Logistics Assessments and helps Components establish baseline assessment criteria.

### DAU Launches Mobile Portal



A new DAU.mil interface is now available on your mobile device.

Visit <http://www.dau.mil> on your phone or tablet, or scan the QR code on your left, and you'll be directly re-routed to the mobile interface.

[Learn more.](#)

### Training Course Change for Level II DAWIA Program Management Certification

Effective November 2011, CON 115, Contracting Fundamentals, will replace CON 110, Mission Support Planning, as a core training requirement for PM Level II DAWIA certification.

After December 2011, Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will no longer offer CON 110.

[Learn more.](#)



## What Can DAU Offer You?

Visit the Online Resources page for virtual tours on DAU tools to help you do your job.