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President's Message

Striking a Balance



While continuing education is a key component for a skilled acquisition workforce, it is important to balance that consideration with mindfulness of fiscal responsibility and taxpayer stewardship in the area of conference attendance and travel.

The Deputy Secretary of Defense has directed all DoD Components to review their internal policies and controls for conference-related activities to minimize the risk of inappropriate spending practices and unnecessary costs. To be approved, proposed conferences must meet strict standards of mission necessity, essentiality, frugality, and venue appropriateness. Requests for conference approval must include an estimate of costs determined by a standard cost-estimating template developed by the DoD Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation office.

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Better Buying Power Update

Kendall Endorses Performance-based Logistics Strategies



Operations and support costs comprise 60-70 percent of total ownership costs. A key method to lowering these costs is the implementation of sustainment strategies that optimize readiness at best value.

Appropriate use of performance-based logistics (PBLs) will help to achieve affordable sustainment strategies and is a method for achieving Better Buying Power goals.

Read more in Acting USD(AT&L) Frank Kendall's May 14 [memo endorsing PBL strategies](#).

The Optimal Program Structure

Each program should be structured in a way that optimizes the chances of success. Acting USD(AT&L) Frank Kendall offers guidance and strategies in "The Optimal Program Structure," a special preview article from the upcoming July/August issue of *Defense AT&L* magazine.

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Learning Assets

Comparison of Major Contract Types — 2012 Update



The Comparison of Major Contract Types Chart is based on the information in the Contract Pricing Reference Guides (Volume 4 — Advanced Issues in Contract Pricing, Chapter 1 — Establishing and Monitoring Contract Type), and updated for regulatory/policy changes and court decisions not included in the guides.

Additional information on contract types and incentives used in DAU courses appears on the reverse side of the chart.

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New Continuous Learning Module — Small Business Program for PMs

CLM 059, Small Business Program for Program Managers, has been deployed and is available on the DAU iCatalog. This module is designed to provide program managers with tools and understanding of how best to utilize small businesses in the Defense Acquisition Management System to obtain success in both small business and DoD acquisition programs.

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Myth-Busting in Acquisition

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) has issued a follow-up to its 2011 "Myth-Busting" memo which highlighted misconceptions about the Federal procurement process. The new memo provides additional information and strategies for agencies and vendors to improve communication productivity.

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New Product Support Analytical Tools Repository

The new [Product Support Analytical Tools Repository](#), available via the DAU Logistics Community of Practice Product Support Policy, Guidance, Tools & Training [site](#), profiles more than 150 analytical tools available to assist in facilitating product support decisions, with an emphasis on DoD product support.

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