

President's Message

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We use the stability of **success** to try new things and **improve**.

It's important for us to look at all the ways people **learn** and create courses and tools that **work** for them.



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BETTER BUYING POWER UPDATE

Lowest Priced Technically Acceptable

USD(AT&L) Frank Kendall released a [memo](#) last month titled *Appropriate Use of Lowest Priced Technically Acceptable (LPTA) Source Selection Process and Associated Contract Type*.

According to Mr. Kendall, the general policy on contract types is to use the right type for the job. He notes that LPTA has a fairly narrow range of cases where it should be applied. The memo makes clear what those situations are and how these contract types can drive down costs and provide the best value solution.

RESOURCES

New DoD Instruction for COR Certification

The DoD Standard for Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Certification is officially a [DoD Instruction](#).

This instruction establishes policies and standards, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures to certify CORs to implement the recommendation of the DoD Panel on Contracting Integrity set out in the 2008 report to Congress. It establishes uniform guidance for identification, development, certification, and management of CORs within the DoD.

SSCF Registration Deadline Extended

The deadline to apply for this year's [Senior Service College Fellowship](#) program (SSCF) has been extended to April 17. The 10-month Army program is designed for civilians at the GS-14/15 level or equivalent and is a full-time commitment. Applicants must be level III certified and have senior-level endorsement from their sponsoring command. There are locations in the Capital and Northeast, South, and Midwest regions.

All applications must be submitted [online](#).

LEARNING ASSETS

NEW: CLL 059 Sustaining Engineering

This new [online continuous learning module](#) focuses on the newest of the 12 interdisciplinary Integrated Product Support (IPS) Elements. It is designed to broaden the understanding of sustaining engineering and how it can improve system supportability and reduce costs. It also focuses on developing a more granular support strategy in the Life Cycle Sustainment Plan (LCSP) and the linkage between systems/sustaining engineers and life cycle logisticians/product support managers.

Lunch and Learn

Fill up on knowledge during regularly scheduled Lunch and Learn sessions. The third quarter schedule is now available. Topics include cyber, reliability growth modeling, and policy updates.

All sessions are held between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time and are available through [Defense Connect Online \(DCO\)](#) (viewers may enter as a guest).

See the complete [schedule and register](#).

Mission Assistance

Mission Assistance (MA) has proven to be an effective resource for numerous organizations, but it also helps DAU provide better support to the Defense Acquisition Workforce as a whole. By bringing our faculty into your organization, you are helping them stay current on real life challenges facing the workforce and providing them with your perspective of the balance between policy and reality. This information helps keep our courses current and connected with your needs. Visit the [Mission Assistance](#) webpage to get started.

