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eNEWSLETTER

BETTER BUYING POWER UPDATE

Maintaining the Momentum

With a change of administration less than a year away, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Frank Kendall discusses what's in store for acquisition policy and initiatives, including Better Buying Power, Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5000.02, and the National Defense Authorization Act.

Mr. Kendall explains the importance of sustaining and building on the [#momentum](#) achieved over the last few years.

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RESOURCES

The [March-April edition](#) features "The Competitive, Crowdsourced Investment (CCI) Initiative" by Col. Scott T. Wallace, USAF.

The DoD could allocate some investment funds to generate future cost savings. And competition could effect cultural change within the acquisition community and achieve a balance between cost and capability.



Managing Cost

A new [Operating and Support \(O&S\) Cost Management Guidebook](#) is available. It supports multiple functional communities and spans the entire system life cycle. The guidebook helps users focus their requirements, design, and product support planning activities to identify and pursue early procedural means to mitigate O&S costs and specific tools to reduce them. The guidebook also provides a set of tools for effectively communicating O&S cost assumptions, comparisons, and risks to support acquisition decisions and program reviews.

LEARNING ASSETS

Acquisition Training Symposium

DAU is hosting a one-day training forum focused on *Strengthening Cost Consciousness, Professionalism, and Technical Excellence* Wednesday, April 27, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST at the Fort Belvoir campus.

The training symposium will feature Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, as the keynote speaker. Planned events



include training sessions on the latest acquisition policy, practices and techniques that attendees can use on the job. Additionally, attendees will receive six Continuous Learning Points towards their acquisition certification.

Acquisition professionals outside the Washington Metro Area can watch a live-stream of the training symposium via VTC at one of the DAU regional campuses or extended learning sites. Register for [#AcqSym2016](#) today.

MISSION ASSISTANCE

Help Us Help You

Mission Assistance can be many things to many people, but the desired outcome is always the same—better outcomes for your organization. Sometimes you may not need an acquisition subject matter expert from DAU; perhaps a tool, reference or resource would give you what you are looking for. If there is something that would help you on the job, we want to hear from you. Tell us what other sorts of tools, references, or resources would benefit you or your organization.

Send your thoughts and ideas to: MissionAssistance@DAU.mil

President's Message

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Our business isn't about immediate gratification—it's about constantly striving toward long-term results.

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