

BETTER BUYING POWER UPDATE

DoD 5000.02 released

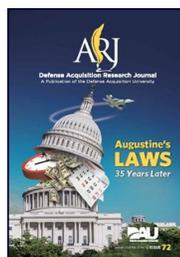
The new [DoD 5000.02](#) implements many of the policies and practices included in the Better Buying Power (BBP) initiatives.

Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Frank Kendall stated in his [memo](#) that "successful defense acquisition depends on careful thinking and sound professional judgments about the best acquisition strategy to use for a given product." The new instruction emphasizes tailoring of program structures, content, and decision points to the product being acquired.

BBP is based on the concept of continuous process improvement. Mr. Kendall also stated in the memo, "We will never stop learning from our experience, and we will never completely exhaust the potential for improvement in how we acquire weapons and other systems for the Department. Therefore, I do not consider this or any version of DoD 5000.02 to be the final word on acquisition policy."

RESOURCES

Defense Acquisition Research Journal

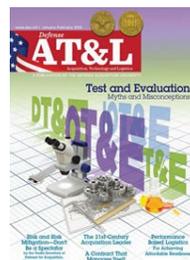


The [newest edition](#) of the ARJ features a special update on the immutable laws of systems acquisition (and the slightly irreverent essay) first published by *Norman Augustine* 35 years ago.

Defense AT&L Magazine

The [January-February issue](#) features

"Test and Evaluation—Myths and Misconceptions," by *Steve Hutchison, Ph.D.* Getting to the truth may help reduce the tension between testers and developers and help deliver the capabilities of acquisition programs.



LEARNING ASSETS

NEW: [ENG 301 Leadership in Engineering Defense Systems](#)

ENG 301 replaces SYS 302 as the 300-level course required for DAWIA Level III certification in the engineering career field. This rigorous and comprehensive course encourages students to apply critical thinking skills in the leadership and management of technical activities.

NEW: [CLE 030 Integrated Testing](#)

This three-hour continuous learning module provides general information about Test and Evaluation (T&E) and the role integrated testing has in the acquisition process. Successful completion of this module is required for DAWIA Level II T&E certification and is a prerequisite for [TST 204 Intermediate Test & Evaluation](#).

NEW: [DOD 002 Combating Trafficking in Persons Training for Acquisition Professionals](#)

This new module informs DoD acquisition and contracting professionals about combating trafficking in persons in Department of Defense contracts. This includes an overview of laws and regulations, and the responsibilities to prevent, identify, and respond to abuses. This module will help learners understand how to uphold the zero tolerance policy and ensure taxpayer dollars do not contribute to trafficking in persons.

Winter Acquisition Update

Immerse yourself in acquisition topics and issues presented by senior leaders from industry and government. There will be more than 50 sessions, including a Cybersecurity track. Earn Continuous Learning Points (CLPs) by participating in-person or via Defense Connect Online (DCO).

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST
DAU South Region
7115 Old Madison Pike
Huntsville, AL

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President's Message

Mr. James P. Woolsey



It's very important that individuals *understand the relationship* between government and industry. We developed a course ([ACQ 315](#)) where *government people actually get to become industry people* through a simulation. They get to make investment decisions and decide what kind of business to take on.

That's an example of *getting people to look at different viewpoints* by using modern tools of education which is a simulation and role playing rather than just watching view graphs.



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