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President's Message



As we begin 2013, we leave behind many end-of-year uncertainties, but still, others loom. Through it all, the acquisition community is essential to the security of our nation and we are ever mindful of our support to the Warfighters. Americans count on us to be responsible stewards of the money they furnish for national defense. Today, it is more important than ever to be mindful of that charge.

DAU will continue to support you and the important work you do. Whether through our high-quality, relevant training in the classroom and online or through continuous learning and mission assistance in your workplace, we provide you with access to the latest information and to one another. We are your university.

Best wishes for the new year.

Better Buying Power Update



Frank Kendall, USD(AT&L), rolled out his new vision for Better Buying Power in a [November 13 memo](#) and in his [keynote address](#) at the Senior Leaders' Acquisition Training Conference the following day. Since then, the updates -- known as BBP 2.0 -- have been up for review and comment. Specific implementation guidance is expected later this month.

The goal of BBP remains the same: deliver better value to the taxpayer and Warfighter by improving the way the Department does business. There are 36 initiatives in BBP 2.0—13 more than in the original version announced in June 2010. In addition to the new initiatives, the existing initiatives have been reviewed and modified to reflect lessons learned and experience gained during the implementation of the initial BBP.

Of note in version 2.0 is a new focus area directed specifically at the acquisition workforce. This includes establishing stronger professional qualification requirements and increasing recognition for acquisition excellence. For the most current information, visit the BBP public site at <https://acc.dau.mil/bbp> or the [BBP Gateway](#) on the Defense Acquisition Portal.

Learning Assets

New Overseas Contingency Operations CoP

DAU launched a new Community of Practice for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). The OCO Acquisition History and Lessons Learned CoP is a consolidation of overseas contingency acquisition, or acquisition-related lessons learned, policies, regulations, special assessments, and news articles regarding Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The OCO CoP also has two searchable filters for related Congressional Report Services documents and GAO reports. ACC members can access the OCO CoP at <https://acc.dau.mil/OCO>.

Two New IPS Element Resources Now Available



The [Integrated Product Support \(IPS\) Element Guidebook](#) is now available in an enhanced Web-based version. Its companion continuous learning module, [CLL 046 "The Twelve Integrated Product Support \(IPS\) Elements"](#) is also open for registration.

The [Guidebook](#) provides detailed information about each of the 12 IPS elements identified in Appendix A of the PSM Guidebook, and serves as a reference guide and training tool for the PSM. The guidebook explains the key deliverables of each element by life cycle acquisition phase. It highlights the importance of full integration among the elements and provides links to other reference documentation for additional information.

Acquisition Requirements Roadmap Training (ARRT) Tool v2.0

The latest Service Acquisition Mall (version 4.5) and the Acquisition Requirements Roadmap Training (ARRT) tool (version 2.0) are available to support the workforce in service acquisitions. The ARRT tool provides service acquisition teams with a structured and proven process for developing complete Performance Work Statements and Quality Assurance Surveillance Plans. It may be downloaded at <http://sam.dau.mil/arrt>.

If you downloaded an earlier version within the ARRT CoP, you will need to provide simplified one-time registration information in order to download version 2.0. Visit the [SAM](#) site to learn more.



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