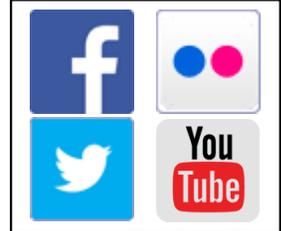




January 2014 e-Newsletter

Learn. Perform. Succeed.



President's Message



Dr. James McMichael
Acting President

As 2014 begins, we are excited for new opportunities to provide you with the courses and job support tools you need to be successful. We are especially hopeful that with less budget uncertainty, we will all be able to focus on the business of helping you create better acquisition outcomes everyday.

We continue to develop new learning assets and update existing ones to reflect the latest policy and lessons learned. We encourage you to make use of the tools and information available on both the [DAU website](#) and the [Defense Acquisition Portal](#) and to reach out to us for your unique needs.

I wish you all well in the new year and look forward to the opportunities ahead.

Better Buying Power Update

The New [DoDI 5000.02](#) is released for implementation as an interim document pending formal coordination of the final instruction. The new version implements a number of statutes and regulations that have been created since the last version was published in 2008.

A team is developing a legislative proposal that will simplify the existing body of law and replace it with a more coherent and user-friendly set of requirements. The update is expected to be released within the year.

The basic structure of the "acquisition system" is unchanged with minor exceptions. The new 5000.02 introduces a "Requirements Decision Point" and a "Development RFP Release Decision Point." One section not included or replaced is the acquisition of contracted services. A new DoD Instruction on Acquisition of Services is in draft and should be released in the near future.

Several BBP initiatives are integrated into the document, including: tight integration of requirements and acquisition communities, should cost and affordability analysis.

What's New

DAU Center for Acquisition Leadership

The [DAU Leadership website](#) is now available. It contains a variety of links to courses, workshops, coaching resources, assessment tools, videos, publications and other helpful leadership resources. Use these resources to help strengthen and refresh your leadership knowledge and skills.

SSCF

The [Senior Service College Fellowship Program](#) will accept applications January 29—April 2.

Life Cycle Logistics

The new [Life Cycle Logistics Core Plus Development Guides](#) are now available. They do not change FY14 Core Certification Standards.

Learning Assets

Two New International DL Courses Available

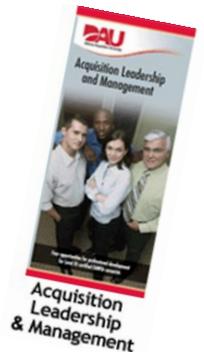
[ACQ 120](#), Fundamentals of International Acquisition
[ACQ 130](#), Fundamentals of Technology Security/Transfer

These courses will serve as the basis for Level I International Acquisition Career Path certification, but can also provide "refresher training" when it comes to international programs.

Enrich Your Skills in Leadership and Management

[Leadership and Management courses](#)

are available to those who are Level III certified in any career field and have at least three years of Level III acquisition experience.



Improving Program Outcomes

[Asking the Right Questions at the Right Time: Lessons Learned from Case Studies for Project Program and Portfolio Managers](#)

The document summarizes lessons learned and best practices of more than 18 programs. Just as importantly, it also includes a compilation of reliability design activities that are most often overlooked, skipped, or short-changed in the interest of reducing cost or schedule.

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