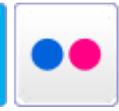




## June 2013 e-Newsletter

Learn. Perform. Succeed.



### President's Message



Dr. James McMichael  
Acting President

As many of you know, the DoD-authorized furloughs are a part of mandatory federal government budget cuts, which began March 1. DAU has adjusted its training schedule to conform to DoD's sequestration furlough guidance.

From July 8 – Sept. 20, class schedules will accommodate for one furlough day per week. Please be aware that while you attend DAU training, student furlough days must adhere to DAU's training schedule. This may differ from your normal scheduled furlough days; for details regarding your ability to comply with DAU's furlough schedule, consult with your home office/organization. We will do our best to provide the classroom training you need under these challenging circumstances, and online training will continue to be available.

As sequestration continues and is subject to change, DAU will update its [Student Furlough Information](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages with further details. It's important that DAU maintains its mission and focus to provide superb training to the Defense Acquisition Workforce.

### Better Buying Power Updates

#### Guidance for Efficiencies in Defense Procurement Spending

The [Better Buying Power \(BBP\) Initiative](#) helps the Defense Acquisition Workforce make cost-efficient decisions when buying products and services. This year, the BBP 2.0 initiative was expanded to cover seven focus areas and 34 initiatives.

The Hon. Frank Kendall and Dr. Ash Carter discussed recent BBP updates, including industry concerns and the evolving culture of DoD contracting practices at an event held by the Center for Strategic and International Studies May 23.

[View the full event >>](#)  
[Download the event transcript \(PDF\) >>](#)  
[Read the related Federal News Radio article >>](#)

### What's New

#### DAU on Twitter

DAU recently launched a Twitter account to broaden its social media reach. The Twitter feed will include daily news updates, course information and curated content for the Defense Acquisition Workforce. Follow us and send feedback to [@DAUNow](#).

#### DAU Keeping Above the Fiscal Fray

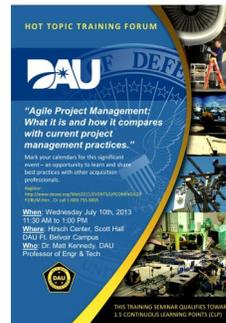
A recent article in [Chief Learning Officer magazine](#) highlights how DAU focuses on learning assets despite the sequestration impact.



#### New Defense ARJ Magazine Online

Keep up with the latest in acquisition research by exploring the latest edition of [Defense ARJ magazine](#).

### Learning Assets



#### Hot Topic Training: Agile Project Management

The DAU Alumni Association will host a no-cost hot topic training forum July 10 in the Hirsch Center at the Fort Belvoir campus. The forum will explore how agile project management compares with current project management practices.

[Learn more >>](#)  
[Register for the event >>](#)

### Awards & Recognition

#### Opportunities to Excel: Acquisition Awards Programs

- Performance-Based Logistics (PBL) Award**  
Bill Kobren discusses the PBL awards program, including submission requirements and deadlines in his [blog post](#). Nominations are due July 1. Learn more about the [award](#) and view the [announcement](#).
- David Packard Excellence in Acquisitions Award**  
This award recognizes organizations, groups and teams that have demonstrated exemplary innovation and best practices in acquisition. Nominations are due August 1. Learn more about the [award](#) and view the [announcement](#).
- Defense Acquisition Workforce Individual Achievement Award**  
This award recognizes individual excellence by members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce in acquisition career field categories. Nominations are due August 1. Learn more about the [award](#).
- Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Award**  
This award recognizes organizations that have made exemplary contributions to the career-long development of their workforce. Nominations are due August 1. Learn more about the [award](#).