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eNEWSLETTER

BETTER BUYING POWER UPDATE

The Power Within

Frank Kendall, USD(AT&L), joined the House Armed Services Committee for a roundtable discussion on acquisition reform. He conveyed that while legislation could help or hinder the acquisition process, the lasting improvements must come from within DoD.

In his article [“Real Acquisition Reform \(or Improvement\) Must Come From Within.”](#)

Mr. Kendall writes, “First of all, what it takes to be successful at defense acquisition isn’t all that complicated—to first order at least. It consists of just these four items: (1) set reasonable requirements, (2) put professionals in charge, (3) give them the resources they need, and (4) provide strong incentives for success. Unfortunately, there is a world of nuance and complexity in each of these phrases and words. They also apply to both government and industry organizations, but not always in the same way. The fact is that none of this is easy.”

WORKFORCE

Do You Have the Write Stuff?

Submissions for the [Maj. Gen. Harold J. “Harry” Greene Awards for Acquisition Writing competition](#) are being accepted through Sept. 19, 2016.

The competition is open to all. Papers must be written on one of the following topics affecting Army acquisition: acquisition reform/ Better Buying Power; future operations; innovation, or lessons learned.



An award winner and honorable mention will be selected for each category.

LEARNING ASSETS

Get the Credit You Deserve

The American Council on Education (ACE) recommended transfer credits for five more DAU courses: CON 100, 200, 216, 244 and ACQ 370. The universities we partner with — more than 100 as of June 2016 — use these ACE credit recommendations to give their students course credit for successfully completing DAU courses, which students can apply towards their Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees.

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MISSION ASSISTANCE

Work Your Budget

It’s that time of year again—preparing to close out one fiscal year and building the budget for future years. If your team has ever wondered how the planning, programming, budgeting, and execution is all tied together, schedule a workshop. DAU offers a one day [DoD Budget Primer Workshop](#) to help answer those questions and lift the veil of the mysterious budget process. We have budget experts who can help you understanding the “how” and the “why” of this complex process.

Contact us to get started: MissionAssistance@DAU.mil

President’s Message

Mr. James P. Woolsey
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The key is to recognize them and adapt to remain on top.”

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