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# eNEWSLETTER

## BETTER BUYING POWER UPDATE

### DAU Acquisition Training Symposium 2015

USD(AT&L) Frank Kendall will discuss the new BBP 3.0 initiatives during the [Acquisition Training Symposium](#) on *Achieving Dominant Capabilities through Technical Excellence and Innovation*.



The event also includes panels and classroom training sessions and will be available via VTC to DAU regional campuses and sites outside the Washington Metro Area.



- Tuesday, April 7
- 8 a.m.—5 p.m. EDT
- DAU Fort Belvoir Howell Auditorium

[Register Now](#)

#AcqSym2015

## RESOURCES

### New Life Cycle Chart Available

The new [Generic Acquisition Process Wall Chart](#) is now available. This chart replaces the outdated Integrated Defense AT&L Life Cycle Management System Chart and is intentionally less detailed to be less prescriptive and encourage tailoring of the process.

### Defense AT&L Magazine

The [March-April issue](#) features “Getting ‘Best Value’ for the Warfighter and the Taxpayer” by Frank Kendall

Under the Better Buying Power initiatives, we have emphasized using a more monetized and less subjective definition of best value. As a way to spur innovation, we also have emphasized communicating the “value function” to the offerors so they can bid more intelligently.



### Operating Status

The operating status for all DAU teaching locations and online systems is viewable by clicking the Operating Status button in the top right corner of the [DAU homepage](#).

## LEARNING ASSETS

### Should Cost Portal

The [Should-Cost Portal](#) is now open to government members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce. This Website serves as a repository of successful case studies relating to Should-Cost management, a core thrust of the Better Buying Power (BBP) initiatives in achieving dominant capabilities while controlling life cycle costs. Log in using your CAC by selecting the Should-Cost Portal from the Acquisition Proven Practices and Lessons Learned ([ACQ P2L2](#)) site on the [Defense Acquisition Portal](#).

### Get College Credit for DAU Courses

The American Council on Education (ACE) recently updated the list of DAU courses they recommend for college credit. Many acquisition, logistics, business and finance, and test and evaluation courses were recently evaluated to allow even more credit transfer opportunities.

Click [Get College Credit](#) from the DAU homepage for the full list.

### Mission Assistance Tools

Help your team break through barriers and “groupthink” with organized facilitation. DAU has [tools](#) to help facilitate, brainstorm or conduct strategic planning in a collaborative way that eliminates two major problems organizations face in groups: the negative impact of peer dynamics and the lack of structure in collaboration.

Work sessions can be conducted within an enterprise and with stakeholders. Sessions can be done in person or virtually and in a synchronous or asynchronous setting.

The result is a meeting report with clear deliverables and action items.

For more information, contact [TargetedTraining@dau.mil](mailto:TargetedTraining@dau.mil).

## President’s Message

Mr. James P. Woolsey



You can’t teach *innovation*, you have to give students *experiences*, expose them to *creative solutions* and provide them with *opportunities* to learn.



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