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President's Message



Dr. James McMichael
Acting President

With our diverse acquisition community, we realize the importance of innovation and collaboration in both the workplace and your learning environments. At DAU, we strive to help you have successful careers and be proficient leaders.

We have recently improved our online presence to meet your needs. We launched a redesign of www.dau.mil to connect you with acquisition resources more quickly and intuitively; and created a mobile-friendly [Applications Portal](#) with all of our knowledge management systems, education and training tools, job aids, guidebooks, and other resources.

In today's challenging budget climate, we aim to cut costs but continue to invest in our talent pool. In support of the USD (AT&L)'s Better Buying Power initiatives, we are committed to providing you the necessary training and workplace support tools you need to maintain a well-balanced, versatile skill set to successfully provide balanced solutions and delivery methods. We hope you find our new resources helpful and as always, we welcome your feedback.

Better Buying Power Updates

In November 2012, Frank Kendall, USD(AT&L), released a [draft memo](#) requesting input on the seven BBP focus areas. Feedback from the workforce, industry, academia and Congress helped clarify the BBP 2.0 narrative.

He was recently [interviewed by Army AL&T magazine](#) and stated the importance of a new key focus area, *Improving the professionalism of the total acquisition workforce*; "This focus area emphasizes the most important single factor in the performance of the Defense Acquisition System: the capability of the professionals in our acquisition workforce to do their jobs more effectively and efficiently. As such, we will focus on further improving our workforce by providing its members with the tools and skill sets they need to do their jobs ..."

[Learn more about the origins of Better Buying Power >>](#)

[Download the Hot Topic Forum materials >>](#)

[Read the updated memo >>](#)

[Get the BBP 2.0 video >>](#)

What's New

New DAU Website

DAU launched a redesign of www.dau.mil May 3, 2013. The new site features include daily news updates, an improved mobile experience, and more robust multimedia. Visit our new site and send feedback to webmaster@dau.mil.

May-June Defense AT&L Magazine

The latest edition of Defense AT&L magazine explores insights gained from collaboration with [program managers and teams in the workplace](#), how to successfully [lead a complex DoD project](#) and more. View the [full edition](#) and subscribe (see page 44).

Learning Assets

Learn more about our upcoming and revised courses—including reference updates—by reading our May-June [Spotlight on DAU Learning Resources](#) bulletin. Highlights include:

- **New Continuous Learning Module**
CLL 039—Product Support Requirements Identification
Bill Kobren, Director of the Logistics & Sustainment Center at DAU, discusses a new life cycle logistics continuous learning module, CLL 039 Product Support Requirements Identification. This continuous learning module explains how logisticians translate Warfighter requirements into product support requirements. Read the [blog article](#), and view the [course module](#). [See also our Continuous Learning Modules news feed >>](#)
- **Defense Acquisitions Guidebook Update**
DoD Releases Revised Systems Engineering Guidance
The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering collaborated with 24 DoD organizations to restructure the [Defense Acquisitions Guidebook](#) (DAG), [Chapter 4: Systems Engineering](#). This update improves guidance regarding recent policy changes and BBP initiatives. It provides program managers and systems engineers with pertinent resources for successfully providing balanced solutions and delivery methods. Read an [overview of the revisions](#) for more information.
- **Leadership & Management Course Opportunities**
DAU and the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) will sponsor a [Defense Systems Acquisition Management course](#) June 10-14, at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel in Long Beach, CA. This offering is targeted for DoD industry program managers, assistant program managers, and systems engineers. Space is limited to 42 students; view event details and register at [NDIA's website](#).

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