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eNEWSLETTER

BETTER BUYING POWER UPDATE

Success Through BBP

To date, the product team from PEO Soldier and Defense Logistics Agency, which developed and fielded the Generation III Improved Outer Tactical Vest (IOTV) body armor conversion kits has [saved \\$56 million](#).



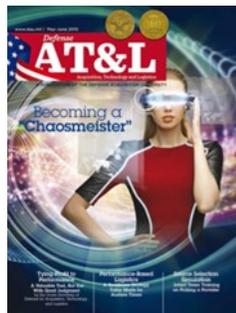
The team used Better Buying Power techniques – incorporating best practices from government and industry and using critical thinking to find creative solutions – to upgrade already fielded body armor with improved protection kits instead of procuring new personal protection systems. The innovative approach provides warfighters with the most up to date equipment available at about half the cost of procuring new systems. Savings to outfit all 400,000 systems are expected to exceed \$150 million.

RESOURCES

Defense AT&L Magazine

The [May-June issue](#) features “Becoming a Chaosmeister” by John Higbee

Acquisition professionals can achieve results beyond their most positive expectations by approaching the current challenges and chaotic acquisition environment as operators. They can innovate and adapt tools and processes, creating networks and coalitions.



LEARNING ASSETS

NEW: [CLE 074 Cybersecurity Throughout DoD Acquisition](#)

This online continuous learning module provides Defense Acquisition Workforce members in all career fields with foundational understanding of basic principles of cybersecurity and cybersecurity risk management. Students who successfully complete this new cybersecurity training will earn five continuous learning points.

UPDATED: [CLC 025 Small Business Program for Contracting Officers](#)

The revised online continuous learning module takes participants through the contracting process and emphasizes the responsibilities and prospects to maximize opportunities for small businesses in each contracting phase. The module covers set-asides under Multiple Award Contracts, reviewing subcontracting plans versus evaluating small business participation, joint ventures, and more. CLC 025 is required for Level 1 Certification in the Contracting Career Field.

MISSION ASSISTANCE

When you hear the term “Mission Assistance” (MA), thoughts like “taking the hill” or “close air support” may come to mind. So what is MA at DAU? It’s direct support to your organization based on the specific needs of your program.

There are several types of [Acquisition Program Transition Workshops](#) to help you navigate through critical stages in a program’s lifecycle.

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President’s Message

Mr. James P. Woolsey
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The needs of the **warfighter** are clear and pressing during times of conflict; but in between wars, the **impact** of our acquisition efforts isn’t as readily noticed.

Nonetheless, this time is **critical**. The success of tomorrow’s fighters depends on the **effective** development and fielding of today’s programs.



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