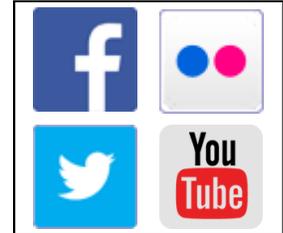




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Learn. Perform. Succeed.



## President's Message



Dr. James McMichael  
Acting President

We are now solidly into the new fiscal year and are excited about finding innovative ways to help you reach your learning goals, meet your certification requirements, and get the most out of our resources.

In addition to having nearly 200,000 course completions last year, we also answered more than 3,000 questions in Ask-A-Professor and there were 4 million Acquisition Community Connection contributions downloaded. We are thrilled to see so many of you taking advantage of these and other resources. It is also important to us that we create and promote opportunities for career-long learning. Many free learning events will be held across our regions this year. Events will be posted on our website, so I encourage you to check back often and consider attending either in person or virtually.

## Better Buying Power Update

### Cost Consciousness: A Strategic Imperative to Preserve Warfighter Readiness

The Better Buying Power (BBP) 2.0 [Implementation Guidance](#) of April 24, 2013 includes specific direction to "continue to increase the cost consciousness of the acquisition workforce – change the culture".

The [Cost Consciousness Brochure](#) is designed to raise the awareness of building and strengthening a cost conscious culture throughout the Defense Acquisition Workforce. The [brochure](#) emphasizes the importance of cost consciousness as a strategic imperative to preserve Warfighter readiness by establishing realistic execution strategies.

Cost Consciousness  
Cost conscious culture  
across the Acquisition  
Workforce



Cost consciousness is about the value of money and stewardship. Everyone is part of the solution and can contribute by submitting suggestions and ideas to the Cost Consciousness Team at [osd.atl.bbp@mail.mil](mailto:osd.atl.bbp@mail.mil).

## Learning Assets

### PMT-400 Program Manager's Skills Course

Strengthen your program management skills for program success. Seats are available for the [PMT-400 Program Manager's Skills Course](#) being held at Fort Belvoir, VA, December 2 - 13.

## What's New

### David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Awards

- Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (Army/Marines)
- Air and Missile Defense Radar (Navy)
- HC/MC-130J Program Team (Air Force)
- Defense IT Contracting Organization and Air Force National Capital Region IT Team (DISA/Air Force)

Read more about the [Packard Award](#) winners.

### Secretary of Defense Performance-Based Logistics Awards

- TSQ-239(V) Combat Operations Center (Marines)
- Apache Sensors PBL (Army)
- PATRIOT PBL (Army)
- F414 Engine PBL (Navy)

Read more about the [PBL Award winners](#).

**Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Awards and Achievement Awards:** Winners will be announced soon!

### DAUAA Hirsch Research Paper Competition

Topic: "[It's a New World Out There: The Next 10 Years!](#)"

The competition is open to anyone. Papers are to be submitted to the [DAU Director of Research](#) by Dec. 16. Awards will be announced in January and award winners will present their papers at the DAUAA Hot Topic Training Forum in April at the DAU Fort Belvoir campus.

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