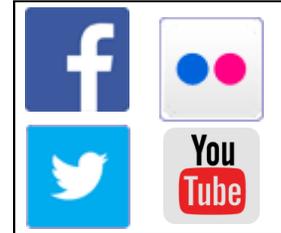




October 2013 e-Newsletter

Learn. Perform. Succeed.



President's Message



Dr. James McMichael
Acting President

Clearly the recent government shutdown is the number one item on everyone's mind. DAU reopened Oct. 8 and quickly returned to the business of providing the Defense Acquisition Workforce with training courses and services in support of our nation's Warfighters.

The DAU scheduling team is making every attempt to [accommodate courses affected by the shutdown](#). Going forward the DAU scheduling team will assess the impacts of the cancellations to determine whether there is the possibility to reschedule classes later in the year.

Better Buying Power Update

Defense Acquisition System Report Explained

The June 2013 [Performance of the Defense Acquisition System report](#) provides valuable insight in measuring and improving institutional performance. During a Hot Topic Forum held Sept. 25, Dr. Phillip Anton, Deputy Director for Acquisition Strategy and Efficiency Analysis, explained the importance of the report and provided feedback on improving policies and performance through data analysis. He elaborated that "cycle time" and data were focal points in BBP 2.0.

Learning Assets

Visit Gateway to Space Acquisition

DAU offers a space-oriented variant of ACQ-201B. The [Space Acquisition Gateway](#) lists all Space acquisition learning assets. For more information, contact [Stephen Skotte](#) or see the iCatalog [registration page](#).

Team Communication Boot Camp Available

Crucial Conversation workshops can help improve communication within teams and organizations. Information on [TTD 005: Crucial Conversations](#) is now available in the [DAU iCatalog](#).

What's New

SPRDE Transitions to Engineering

Defense Acquisition Workforce members coded under SPRDE-PSE/SE career fields will now be classified as "Engineering." Read the [memo](#) for details.

Logistics Community of Practice Updates

DAU recently completed the incremental streamlining, modernization, and reorganization of the [Life Cycle Logistics Community of Practice](#) (LOG CoP) with the launch of an entirely new [Integrated Product Support \(IPS\) Element website](#). Read the [related blog post](#) for more information, and see also [last month's e-Newsletter](#) for other recent LOG CoP updates.

Learn More about how DAU Serves the Workforce



DAU offers a variety of products and services in addition to DAWIA certification training courses. The revised [DAU brochures](#) highlight the four major ways in which DAU serves the workforce.

View the new brochures to learn more about how the university can help you on the job and at home.

Questions? Contact us at communications@dau.mil

Defense Acquisition University · 9820 Belvoir Road, Fort Belvoir, VA · Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

| [View past e-Newsletter issues](#) |