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eNEWSLETTER

ACQUISITION UPDATE

The State of Defense Acquisition

Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Frank Kendall just released this year's [Performance of the Defense Acquisition System](#).

The report indicates that the DoD is continuing to improve acquisition. This is demonstrated by the reduced 5-year moving average for cost growth on the largest and highest-risk programs, which is now at a 30-year low.

In the report, Kendall states that creating new weapons systems that will give our warfighters a decisive operational advantage far into the future will never be a low-risk endeavor. We should continuously improve our performance as we learn from our experience and work to improve our ability to make sound acquisition decisions.

Kendall also states that what's needed is "professionalism, hard work, attention to detail, and flexible policies and incentives that the data show align with the results we desire. Improving each of these is a continuous endeavor of which this volume is a part."

RESOURCES

Cybersecurity Tools & Info

The Cybersecurity Acquisition Lifecycle Integration Tool (CALIT) can help you effectively integrate cybersecurity into the DoD acquisition lifecycle by explaining how all the elements, such as the Risk Management Framework and Program Protection, work together. Both the [CALIT tool](#) and a quick video about it are on the [Cybersecurity Community of Practice](#).

While you're there, check out the [Black Card](#) for a handy quick-reference tool.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

State of the Congressional Budget

Kate Kaufer, professional staff member on the Senate Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee, will discuss her perspective on the current state of the 2017 budget. She'll provide an assessment of how long we will be under a Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA) and touch on the process the budget goes through, current pressures and current trends. She will also address questions from the audience.

Wed., Nov. 16
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

DAU Fort Belvoir
Building 226,
Howell Auditorium

Virtually: VTC, DCS

Continuous Learning Points (CLPs): 2

Additional information is available through the [DAU Alumni Association](#) homepage.



LEARNING ASSETS

New: ACQ 160 – Program Protection Planning Awareness

[This distance learning course](#) emphasizes the principles and policies of system security engineering. The material covers threats, vulnerabilities, risks, cost-benefit risk trade-offs and required mitigations for DoD systems. It addresses supply chain risk management and the need for acquisition program protection documents such as the Program Protection Plan, Cybersecurity Strategy and Anti-tamper plans.

ACQ 160 will benefit systems security engineers and professionals in program management, information technology, contracting, logistics, and test and evaluation.

Continuous Learning Points (CLPs): 17

President's Message

Mr. James P. Woolsey
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Regulations aren't intended to cover every situation.

It is important for people to know how to deal with ambiguity and make good judgements.



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