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eNEWSLETTER

ACQUISITION UPDATE

Advisory Panel Seeks Your Input

The Advisory Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations was recently established to conduct a thorough and independent assessment of acquisition regulations applicable to the Department of Defense. The panel will assess regulations and associated laws to determine which are essential and which slow down the process unnecessarily. In addition to exploring possible regulation changes, the panel will also look for approaches to Defense acquisition that are working well and should be expanded.

The panel has two years to develop recommendations and will produce interim reports throughout the two-year period with a final report issued in the third quarter of 2018. Panel members will seek input from a wide variety of experts and practitioners and will solicit public comment on specific policies and practices through their website, www.dau.mil/sec809. The website also includes the [agenda](#) for the September meeting and additional info such as meeting and interview schedules and information about the panel members.

RESOURCES

Defense AT&L Magazine

A special edition of the September–October Defense AT&L Magazine focuses exclusively on advanced manufacturing technologies and the defense acquisition system.



In his article “[Manufacturing Innovation and Technological Superiority](#),”

Frank Kendall, emphasizes that even the best designed weapon system is limited by the technology used in its production.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Software Challenges and Keys to Success

Joe Heil, a chief software engineer for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, will provide a detailed presentation on common software system acquisition and engineering challenges and proven techniques used to achieve success.

Wed., Sept. 21
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

DAU Fort Belvoir
Building 202, CCC

Virtually: VTC, DCS

Additional information, speaker biography and VTC POCs are available through the [DAU Alumni Association](#) homepage.



LEARNING ASSETS

The American Council on Education’s (ACE) College Credit Recommendation Service recommends five additional DAU courses for college credit. If you have taken the following courses you may be eligible for additional credit:

- ACQ 101 – Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management - **1 Credit Hour**
- FE 302—Advanced Facilities Engineering - **1 Credit Hour**
- PMT 352A—Program Management Office Course, Part A - **3 Credit Hours**
- PMT 352B—Program Management Office Course, Part B - **6 Credit Hours**
- REQ 110—Core Concepts for Requirements Management - **1 Credit Hour**

Explore the [ACE website](#) for additional courses that may be eligible.

New Unit Cost Reporting Tool Available

Avoid Nunn-McCurdy breaches. [This new tool](#) helps program offices make adjustments to stay on time, under budget and to avoid costly breaches.

President’s Message

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