

on interoperability. Daniels stated “that the country will fight in coalition is the rule. Fighting in coalition and doing it effectively implies a certain degree of interoperability that does not today exist. In fact, it doesn’t exist between Navy aircraft and Air Force aircraft. This has to change. It isn’t enough to say, ‘Okay, this will be the American standard and everyone must comply.’ It also implies that a degree of industrial collaboration is needed. We need to identify and sweep away barriers so we can strengthen the collaboration.”

Lyles noted that experience in the air war in Kosovo showed that “All of the platforms worked very well, but one problem we noticed was linkage between platforms and especially data linkage.”

Conference Wrap-up

The conference closed with a two-hour Q&A session with the SAEs, moderated by Wynne. At the conclusion of the conference, Wynne thanked the audience for their participation and said that the discussions during the conference would be of great assistance to AT&L in shaping future acquisition initiatives.

Editor’s Note: The author welcomes questions and comments on this article. Contact him at LReed@ida.org.

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Acquisition Initiatives – Reaching the Workforce – Results of the 2000 Survey of the Defense Acquisition Workforce

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Survey Interpretation: Summarizes the overall findings of the survey.

Initiatives Relevance: Compares the relevance of initiatives between the 1998 and 2000 surveys.

Initiatives Impact: Compares the impact of initiatives between the 1998 and 2000 surveys.

Management Support: Reports on the perceived attitude of acquisition workforce management.

Management Posture: Management’s orientation toward change.

Outcome Measures: The extent to which acquisition managers are adopting outcome-based performance management systems.

Customer Orientation: The customer focus of acquisition management.

Employee Satisfaction: Overall perception of current and expected job satisfaction.

Knowledge Management: The defense acquisition communities’ focus on knowledge management practices.

Workforce Demonstration: Compares the responses to six selected questions from both Acquisition Workforce Demonstration respondents and those who are not in a demonstration project.

Acquisition Initiatives Feedback, Management Support Feedback, and Job Satisfaction Feedback: Links to feedback forms.

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