

COURSES

BCF-209 REVISED IN FISCAL 2004

BCF-209, DAU's Selected Acquisition Report (SAR) Course, has been revised for fiscal 2004. Instead of one 5-day classroom course, BCF-209 will be split out to include a Web portion and an in-classroom portion in fiscal 2004. In addition, the course title has been changed to "Acquisition Reporting Course."

- BCF-209A will be two hours of Web course material, delivered via Atlas (DAU Virtual Campus). Designed for students requiring knowledge of acquisition reports and those who prepare and review reports, BCF-209A is a prerequisite for BCF-209B and BCF-209C.
- BCF-209B and 209C are run together at the same time, in the same classroom. Those students who apply for 209B will attend only the first 2 days to learn the Acquisition Program Baseline (APB) and Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) reports using the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting System (CARS) for Major Acquisition Information Systems (MAIS) programs. The 209B students will leave after the second day.
- Students who are in the BCF-209 B and 209C class, who are registered as "209C" students, must remain for the entire 4 days. BCF-209C is designed for students who prepare the APB and DAES reports, and the Selected Acquisition Report using the CARS for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs). (BCF-209C includes everything taught in BCF-209B and more.)

Certificates will be provided based upon the class in which students enrolled—BCF-209B or 209C. BCF 209A/B/C are all assignment-specific courses. The BCF-209A schedule is expected to be loaded by early October 2003. The BCF-209B and BCF-209C schedules have been loaded and are available for registration; however, applications will not be processed until BCF-209A is released.

For more information on registering for DAU courses, visit the DAU Web site at <http://www.dau.mil/registrar/apply.asp>.

DAU TO SPLIT HYBRID COURSES IN FISCAL 2004

Beginning with the loading of the fiscal 2004 schedule, students will be required to register separately for each part of any DAU hybrid course. These courses are ACQ-201A, ACQ-201B, BCF-211A, BCF-211B, CON-104A, CON-104B (CON-104A/B are due to be replaced; however, the new courses are not yet ready to go online), LOG-201A, LOG-201B, LOG-235A, LOG-235B, PMT-352A, PMT-352B, PQM-201A, PQM-201B, SYS-201A, and SYS-201B. The Part A (WEB) of each course will become a rolling admission format and students may take it at any time, as long as the required prerequisites have been completed. There is no

longer a time period requirement in which both parts must be completed. However, Part A (WEB) must be completed before a reservation in Part B (RESIDENT) will be approved for any hybrid course.

Students will be required to complete both parts of any hybrid course in order to receive credit for the course toward certification. (Note: The LOG-201A course is delivered in a correspondence format rather than a Web-based delivery.)

NDIA TO SPONSOR DSAM OFFERINGS FOR INDUSTRY MANAGERS

The National Defense Industrial Association will sponsor an offering of DAU's Defense Systems Acquisition Management (DSAM) course to interested industry managers Nov. 17-21, 2003, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Orlando, Fla; Jan. 12-16, 2004, at the Wyndham North in Dallas, Texas; and March 8-12, 2004, at the Wyndham Hotel Salt Lake City in Salt Lake City, Utah.

DSAM uses the same acquisition policy information provided to DoD students who attend DAU courses for formal acquisition certification. It is designed to meet the needs of defense industry acquisition managers in today's dynamic environment, providing the latest information related to:

- Defense acquisition policy for weapons and information technology systems including discussion of the new DoD 5000 series (directive, instruction, and guidebook).
- Defense acquisition and logistics excellence initiatives.
- Defense acquisition procedures and processes.
- The Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System and the congressional budget process.
- The relationship between requirements generation, resource allocation, science and technology activities, and acquisition programs.

For further information, contact Christy O'Hara (703) 247-2586 or e-mail cohara@ndia.org. Prospective government students must first contact Air Force Maj. Jim Ashworth at (703) 805-5809 or e-mail james.ashworth@dau.mil.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (MSPM) DEGREE

Sandra Duerinck-Ribón

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Master of Science in Program Management (MSPM) degree is coming to Fort Monmouth, N.J. The MSPM program is a great Acquisition Education, Training & Education (AET&E) opportunity. The curriculum is designed to provide federal civilian employees with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to manage and lead effectively in the federal government acquisition environment. It focuses on problem solving and decision making within the acquisition environment utiliz-

ing case studies, teaming exercises, hands-on applications, active participation, and other similar activities. You may find additional information on the MSPM program, as well as the Naval Postgraduate School, by visiting their Web site at <http://www.nps.navy.mil>.

The MSPM program is nine quarters in duration and consists of a combination of video-teleconferencing (VTC) and one-week resident session at NPS, in Monterey, Calif.

The MSPM program satisfies the mandatory DAU program management and acquisition logistics course requirements of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) through Level III. It also provides course equivalency through Level II in Test & Evaluation, Systems Engineering, Manufacturing/Production/Quality Assurance, and Software Acquisition. The NPS will accept up to 12 quarter hours (eight semester hours) of transfer credit for graduate courses taken at an accredited college/university that have been evaluated as satisfying one or more of the graduate courses in the MSPM curriculum.

The point of contact for this program at Fort Monmouth is Sandra Duerinck-Ribón, (732) 427-1695, DSN 987-1695. For more information, please visit the Acquisition Support Center Web site: <http://asc.rdaisa.army.mil/>.

ACQUISITION CERTIFICATION POSITION CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS & EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION & TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Richard K. Sylvester, Deputy Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (Acquisition Workforce and Career Management) has released the fiscal 2004 approved position category descriptions and career field experience, education, and training requirements. The requirements are effective Oct. 1, 2003.

Unless designated as **DESIRED**, the requirements are **MANDATORY** for certification. The lists also include training requirements that will change during the fiscal year as new courses are deployed; each new course is listed with a projected deployment date. The career fields with projected changes include: Contracting; Industrial/Contract Property Management; Purchasing; and Life Cycle Logistics (Sustainment path).

The descriptions and requirements can be downloaded from the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Web site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap>. Should you have any questions, please contact Karla Merritt at (703) 681-3444 or e-mail karla.merritt@osd.mil.

PUBLICATIONS ACQUISITION TODAY

The Fall 2003 edition of *Acquisition Today*, published on behalf of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) is now posted to the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Web site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/>.

2004 DAU CATALOG

The FY 2004 Defense Acquisition University Catalog is now available online at the following link: <http://www.dau.mil/catalog/default.asp>. Watch this section of *Defense AT&L Magazine* for an announcement on the catalog's availability in hard copy.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ACQUISITION CAREER PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT

The Army has issued a special announcement of developmental assignments in multiple functional areas at Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA) supporting the Department of Defense and/or Army Business Initiative Council (BIC).

POSITION: GS 12-15 or military equivalents in any occupational series in Resource Management; Acquisition Management; Test and Evaluation; Manpower and Personnel; Installation Management; Logistics, and Information Management.

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION/DUTIES: This will be a training assignment in one of the functional areas of the Army or DoD Business Initiative Council (BIC) support team. The BIC is chartered to improve the efficiency of business operations by implementing reforms throughout the DoD or Army that allow savings to be reallocated to higher priority efforts. The BIC serves as the corporate board of directors for these reforms. It is chaired by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and comprises the Service Secretaries and OSD and OJCS representatives. The developmental assignments will be primarily in support of the Process Function Boards (PFBs) that support the DoD and Army BIC processes. These boards are: Manpower and Personnel, Resource Management, Information Technology, Acquisition Management, Test and Evaluation, and Installations and Logistics. The Installations and Logistics board has three functional components: ASA I&E, ACSIM, and G4. Duties will include managing administrative actions of the individual boards, helping to analyze and coordinate technical information related to functional areas,

and working as a liaison between the support team, the functional boards, and the BIC initiative champions.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Department of the Army employees in the following categories (selectees will be assigned at present permanent grade level):

- On permanent appointment to the competitive service.
- Excepted service or non-appropriated fund employees with competitive status.
- Eligible for competitive conversion or appointment to the competitive service, e.g., family members eligible under EO 12362 as amended.

TOTAL NUMBER OF POSITIONS: up to 15

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 3-12 months

LOCATION OF ASSIGNMENT: HQDA, Pentagon, in various staff support elements. If a selectee is from outside the commuting area of the developmental assignment, the costs of the travel and up to 55 percent of the maximum payable local per diem will be centrally funded.

To read the full announcement, go to the Army Acquisition Support Center Web site at <http://asc.rdaisa.army.mil> and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY OFFERS MASTER'S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

Old Dominion University (ODU) is offering a new master's certificate program in government contracting at its Center for Global Business and Executive Education, College of Business and Public Administration, located in Hampton Roads, Va.

ODU President Roseanne Runte and Barbara J. Smith, Dean, DAU Mid-Atlantic Region signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Sept. 26, 2003, facilitating the award of Continuing Education Units and certificates of completion to DoD AT&L students who successfully complete all course requirements.

The master's certificate program in government contracting provides a practical, well-rounded understanding of government contracting and prepares individuals to master the core principles, regulations, and procedures that govern today's acquisition and procurement contracts.

To download a brochure describing the new master's certificate program in government contracting, go to <http://www.cgbee.com/webnew/cgbee.html>. For more information about ODU educational programs and credit for

DAU courses, visit the organization's Web site at www.cppd-odu.com or call (757) 683-4603. For more information on course equivalency or registering for a DAU course, go to <http://www.dau.mil>.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE REACHES OUT TO DAU STUDENTS

Military officers, federal civilians, and defense industry civilians can now transfer credits from a program at the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) to resident and online certificate, undergraduate, and graduate degree programs offered by the University of Maryland University College (UMUC).

UMUC President Gerald A. Heeger and DAU President Frank J. Anderson Jr., signed a Memorandum of Agreement on Sept. 18, 2003, facilitating the transfer of DAU course credits that have been certified by the American Council on Education (ACE) toward fulfilling UMUC educational requirements. The signing ceremony took place at DAU Headquarters, Fort Belvoir, Va.

The strategic partnership designates UMUC degrees and certificates that will help meet mandatory Acquisition Corps education standards in several of the 13 acquisition career fields. For more information about UMUC educational programs and credit for DAU courses, visit the organization's Web site at <http://www.umuc.edu/mil>. For more information on course equivalency or registering for a DAU course, go to <http://www.dau.mil>.

RATIONAL BRAND SERVICES AND DAU FORM STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

On Oct. 1, 2003, the Defense Acquisition University and Rational Brand Services, a division of IBM, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a strategic partnership whereby DAU and Rational committed to work collaboratively and to their reciprocal advantage in the areas of information technology and software acquisition management best practices. Army Col. Ronald C. Flom, DAU commandant, and Walker Royce, vice president, Rational Brand Services, signed the MOU at a signing ceremony held at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The partnership aims to improve overall program performance specifically by enhancing understanding and transparency of government and contractor roles and by improving acquisition processes. Joint endeavors are expected to include regular information exchange on tools and processes, a common training strategy, and regular exchange of Rational and DAU personnel at meetings conferences, and seminars.